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The English Royal Show.

This show was held at York on the third week of June, with a very full display in almost every department. The Prince of Wales was present as President and was a suecessful competitor. We ean only give a very short summary of the leading features, likely to interest our readers. It may be well to note that the show covered 100 acres. The number of entries and prize money was as follows:

	Entries. Prizes.
Implements	. 4,933 \$1,000
Horses	
Cattle	
Sheep	
Poultry	
Produce	
Horse-shoeing	. 55 160

Only a few prizes were given for implements. Special merit and general utility are the leading points. The Massey-Harris Co. had a good show and a comieal ad. showing a very wry face on the and the reverse after he had put it aside and bought from the Massey-Harris.

Yorkshire is a famous horse-breeding county and Hunters, Hackneys and Cleveland Bays made a great show. Shires were very good; two-year-old stallions were very good; two-year-old stallions extra. Among them was the champion of the breed, Lord Llangattoek's Hydromet-cr. The female champion was Sir J. Blundell Maple's Victor Queen, bred by the Prince of Wales. Clydesdales had a limited display. Smith's Drumflower, a 3-year-old of great quality, champion male, Mr. Smith's Jeanie Deans, was champion female. pion female.

Cattle made the best department of the show and as usual North of Scotland blood was well to the front with Short-Polled Angus and Highlanders, of which last there was an extra display, both in numbers and quality. In Short-horns size was much favored. In aged bulls the Prince of Wales' Stephanotos, bred by the Queen, was 1st, John Handley 2nd. In 2-year-olds the Queen's Royal Duke was an easy victor and male champion. The Prince of Wales followed with Pride of Collynie and Crystal Quality. In females, Countess of Oxford 14, female champion, easily distanced all competitors. She is a magnificent cow, a good milker and her yearling son was also a prize winner. Her owner, W. J. Hosken, is from Cornwall, and her reserve for the championship was the 3-year-old Cumberland heifer, Harris' Empress 13. Another grand female was the Queen's Rose of Sharon, 1st in the 2-year-old class. Many animals of rare quality were

shown, making this one of the very finest displays of modern Shorthorn quality.

In Polled Angus the breed championship and reserve went to two full brothers, Diaz and Delamere, bred by Chalwers of Aldrey Callegrapes were mers of Aldbar. Galloways were not numerous, but of very nice quality.

In Herefords, Sir J. Palley's Protector was champion male. Red Polls made a good showing, Sussex and Devons following.

In the dairy breeds Jerseys made the largest and finest display. In the dairy produce class a pleasing feature was the winning of three best prizes for 2-lb. rolls of butter by Irish eo-operative ereameries.

In sheep the turn-out of Lineolns, Border Leieesters, Shropshires and Hampshire Downs was large and choice.

No swine were shown, as there is a seare on hog eholera, which forced the abandonment of this section.

Toronto's Industrial Exhibition.

The prize list for Toronto's great annual Exposition and Industrial Fair, which this year will be held from August 27th to Sept. 8th, has just been published. It shows some increase in the premiums and gives evidence of the minutest attention to the promotion of the best interests of the country. The prize money offered in the horse elasses remains practically the same as last year; the Shorthorn cattle class shows a large amount of money in prizes, the Dominion Shorthorn Assoeiation contributing \$750 of the prize money. A few fourth and fifth prizes have been added, but the first prize for the different young herds has been re-duced \$10. The Devon class has been dueed \$10. dropped altogether, otherwise classes remain the same as last year. In the dairy elasses there is practically no change, with the exception that in the Jersey and Holstein classes a new section has been made for heifers one year and under two, there now being one for those in milk and another for those not in milk. Sheep classes are the same as last year, though the Leicesters have specials a.'ded and the Shropshire and Oxford specials are larger. The classes for Merinos, Hampshire and Suffolk Downs have been left, without, atotal, primes, the constant left without stated prizes, the amounts being left to be decided by the judge and directors according to the extent and quality of the exhibit. The swine and poultry classes are the same as last year.

Butter-making competitions will again be a drawing card in connection with the dairy exhibit. There will be a class for dairy students or ex-students or makers in any factory and another for farmers' wives, or daughters, or help (male or fewives, or daughters, or help (male of lemale). Both classes are open to the U.S. as well as to all Canada. This year will see interesting judging contests introduced at Toronto. They have been a successful feature of some of the American shows and now the Massey-Harris Co. offer prizes for the best judging of dairy and beef eattle and sheep, three classes in all. Four prizes will be offered, \$20, \$15, \$10, and \$5 in each and competition will be restricted to farmers and farmers' sons under 25 years of age. This should bring most interesting contest. H. J. Hill, the manager and secretary, has been in Europe after some special attractions and it is expected that he will be successful in securing some features of the highest class that have never before been seen in any city or town of America. Prize lists can be had by addressing Mr. Hill at the office, 82 King St. East, Toronto. of the various dairy breeds will be fully

The Pan American Exposition.

As our readers know, the people of Ruffalo are getting up a monster exposition, which is to be illustrative of the progress and achievements of the people of America during the century just closing. Buffalo is an important centre and the proximity of the exposition grounds to the Falls of Niagara will aid in drawing a very large attendance. The directorgeneral of the exposition is the Hon. W. J. Buehanan, who was chief of the department of agriculture, live stock and forestry at the World's Fair, Chicago. The following account of what is to be done for agriculture and live stock will be interesting reading:-

AGRICULTURE.

While the exposition has been prodigal in the funds it has devoted to the various divisions of the industrial pursuits repre-sented in this eountry, none perhaps are of more importance than that of agricul-ture and live stock. In order to give an adequate idea of the provision made for the division which gives the most inter-est to the tillers of the soil, we need only to say that a large building covering more than two acres will be devoted exelusively to agricultural products. will be divided into grain erops, such as eereals, grasses, sugars and syrups, animal and vegetable fibres, animal and vegetable fats and oils, fertilizers, plans and specifications for farm buildings, literature and statisties regarding farm management, farmers' organizations; agricultural papers, experiment station bulletins,

and agricultural eollege work, etc.

The vast collection that will be brought together from all portions of the United States and Canada, as well as Central and South America, will afford a grand object lesson in methods and systems of American agriculture. Many of these states and countries have already made elaborate provision for their displays, and it seems probable that the collective exhibit in agriculture will be one of the greatest features of the exposition.

LIVE STOCK.

In the live stock department the idea uppermost in the minds of the managers is to make it distinctively educational. With this idea in mind, every breed of animals that has attained any recognition or degree of prominence in this country will be given proper representation in the classification. This is true with regard to cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, pet stock and dogs. Liberal eash prizes and diplomas have been arranged for in all of these various classes, and in the majority of instances medals will be given as sweepstakes. Special cash premiums or tro-phies will be offered by the various breeders' associations, in order that the representatives of their particular breeds will nake an extra effort to have their exhibit as complete as possible. The greatest care will be exercised in selecting judges, in order that the awarding of premiums will be made only by men eminent in breeding circles, and of unquestionable

represented. It is proposed that this test shall be conducted entirely on economic lines, and the animals producing the largest net profit of butter fat determined by the Babcock test, will be awarded prizes. The purpose of this test shall be to enlighten every dairyman in the country regarding the ability of these breeds to produce the most butter fat and other milk solids at the least cost. Just as few rules as will be necessary to govern this test without technical complications will be adopted, and it is expected as the result that the practical demonstration of cheap production may be far reaching and beneficial to all concerned.

The exhibit of dairy products will be one of the features of the exposition,

which will be particularly gratifying not only to men engaged in the manufacture of butter and cheese products, but to the consumer as well. A separate building equipped with the most modern refrigerating facilities will be constructed for the accommodation of this exhibit, and every precaution will be taken to have that complete in every detail. The various dairy states and Canada will be represented by their choicest products. This feature of the exhibit even at this early date is exciting more than ordinary interest

In regard to the horse show, aside from a proper recognition of all breeding classes, it is hoped to have an exhibition of the classes of horses of which every American is so proud, viz., the Thoroughbreds, trotters, drivers and coach horses, and in these classes a special feature will be many fine turnouts, such as singles, carriage horses, tandems, four-in-hands and an

exhibition of saddle horses, etc.

Concerning the exhibit of sheep and swine, we are already in receipt of several letters from the different sheep and swine breeders' associations, assuring us of one of the largest exhibits in this class that has ever been brought together in this country. Several new breeds of sheep and swine will be given recognition in the premium list, with a view to developing and bringing out the special features and

characteristics of these breeds.

The poultry exhibit, if present indications are reliable, will be the finest ever seen. Arrangements are being made for the accommodation of thousands of birds, and we have the assurance from nearly all of the poultry associations that it is the intention of the breeders to make this one of the largest poultry shows ever brought together at an exposition. The pet stock will form no insignificant part of this display, and all admirers of pets will be well repaid in visiting this division.

As to the bench show, it is expected that the finest specimens from American and Canadian kennels will be on exhibi-Perhaps in no line of breeding has tion. the skill of America been more manifest than in the line of producing dogs that are famous the world over, and to all interested in this, probably the grandest opportunity ever offered for comparison of high merit will be afforded by the exposition.

The stadium will be utilized for the exhibition and display of live stock. This is a large structure, something after the fashion of the old Grecian amphitheatre, with a seating capacity for 25,000 people, in which the various animals will be taken to receive their honors at the hands of the judges.

F. A. Converse, 735 Ellicott Sq., Buffalo, N.Y., is superintendent of live stock,

dairy and agriculture.

Wm. E. Paull, Killarney, Man., writes, dated June 30th, 1900: "Have just received The Nor'-West Farmer Binder, which I was very much pleased to get.'

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Wheat is not an enlivening topic just now, especially in Manitoba, but no eountry ean be found that is perennially fertile, and we may eonsole ourselves with the hope of better days to come.

But though in some cases even eattle are having short and dry pasture, there is a bigger future to be looked forward to for all kinds of stock than most of us have any idea of. There is room for improvement in quality and plenty of room to grow, but there is a solid foundation to work on and the main thing to be aimed at is to build with wisdom as we go. Two ideas have been mainly present in two different classes of western breeders. One set have favored the cayuse and the serub because they thought nothing else could keep alive in our long and severe winters. On the other hand we have men possessed with the idea of superior breeding, who go to Ontario, and if they can afford it, even across the sea, for beasts that are cvidently far superior to the native, but which have a tendency to "go to pieces" when brought in contact with the ruder conditions of the Northwest. Suppose that a western man, trained to the easy ways in which western stock are eared for, or, to speak more correctly, care for themselves, takes a fancy to a good-looking eastern bred mare or bull and takes it west to make his mark along the line of progress. Such a beast can barely hold its own in the best of summers and is frequently a heavy burden on its owner's hands the biggest half of the year.

Too many such cases can be pointed to.

Good money has been thrown away in just such ways and the cause is plain chough. Those eastern bred beasts and their parents before them have been waited on all their lives and the rustling faculty has been more than half bred out of them. They are four-legged tenderfoots and to that extent of no account in their new environment. There is but one remedy for this very serious defect. rustling faculty must be restored and the pedigreed duffer brought up to the fuller degree of vitality which he has lost through the artificialty of his birth and

early environment.

This softness of body and brain, for both are affected, is not to be cured by heroic measures, which may kill quite as often as they will cure. The right way is in the first place to buy only out of sound stocks that have been bred and reared in the most simple and natural conditions. A show bull at any age is no bull for the range. The beast wanted must have been bred for wear and not for immediate display-run in an open pasturc and kept on the hardy side all the year round, and by natural consequence hard in the flesh and firm in the muscle—an indispensable qualification for sustained usefulness in the new west. Coddling, pampering and idleness are always ruin-ous, no matter how nice the beast may look. The other day a well known old officer of the mounted police told us his experience when once called on to go from Winnipeg out Edmonton way on an emergency. One very fine mare got an emergency. One very fine mare got as far as Qu'Appelle, but by that time showed that she was not the sort for the wild west. She waited gently till she would be led to the stable, while the natives began to paw the snow before the saddlegirths were slackened.

Breeding stock for the west must be fed and trained from birth onward so as to fit them for the life they are expected to lead. We are aware that there are soealled breeders in the Northwest itself who have pushed the doetrine of rustling too far. To seeure hardy, profitable stock there is no reason for turning out a well bred beast to shift for himself. experienced rancher would now think of turning out even his grade colts and ealves to shift for themselves. They are provided for in such a way as to keep up their vitality by judicious hand feeding, and in this way the losses due to snow storms are averted, while the hardiness of the stock is assured. The more valuable the beast the more need will there be for judicious hand feeding. But all the same we have the testimony of universal experience that good breeding, from swine up to Thoroughbred horses, is eompatible with great hardiness and that again is an element of value that

will stay with the beast as long as it lives.

The introduction by the C. P. R. of eastern bulls is likely to furnish useful object lessons. These are as a rule only in breeding condition and some of them are bound to go into unskilful hands. But we want to do better than introduce castern bred bulls. We want to raise them

more northerly latitudes, the Galloways. The Shorthorn is a eitizen of the world, and the range Shorthorn is the most familiar with ourselves in the Canadian west, but his type differs from the Aberdcenshire ideal, just because the conditions also differ, and the fittest type will be the longest survivor. When the value of his hide is allowed for, the Galloway steer promises to fill a much larger space in the future of the west than he now holds and the West Highlander may also take his place with success, because of the rustling qualities he inherits.

Nursing the Dairy Calf.

In feeding dairy ealves there are important first principles to be attended to and upon such attention will depend fu-ture success or failure. Warm whole milk must be given to start with and gradually tapered off after the first fortnight or three weeks with properly warmed skim milk, that fresh from the separator always to be preferred. When the skim milk is introduced the butter fat that was withdrawn from it must be replaced with some equivalent. Start with a little sifted and boiled chop, or linseed meal, or if the



Unloading Canadian Horses in South Africa.

here with breeding, feeding and management of a sort that will ensure a sound blend of good blood with chough toughness of fibre to keep the beast up to a high standard of usefulness and much longer lease of life than is now the rule.

To secure this most desirable result not orly the right stock but the right men are needed. If they have money and enterprise, so far good. But they must have acquired through local experience, good reading and careful study of their surroundings, elear ideas of the very thing wanted and of the easiest and least expensive way to reach it. They must be governed in their decisions by ideas, not by shibboleths. John Clay, of Chicago, is by ripe and varied experience. perhaps the very fittest man in America to discriminate on lines of stock-breeding and management. In a recent paper written for the yearbook of the American Department of Agriculture, he pretty plainly indicates that the polled blacks and Cruiekshank Shorthorns are for the very reasons we have here tried to outline, not the best for the raneher. These, the most perfect types of beef cattle that can be found to-day anywhere in the world. are unrivalled as stall-feeders and for hundreds of miles each side the Missisippi eannot be overrated. But when it comes to ranging on their own resources they are not in it with the Herefords, and for wanted at the least expense.

calf can be got to eat it dry out of the pail when it is done drinking will be quite as good. If uncooked meal is given along with the milk it is pretty certain to bring on stomach derangements and scouring. Whatever deranges the digestion means loss to the calf and its owner. When the calf licks a little dry meal it gets mixed with the saliva, which ensures its proper digestion. Without such aids to digestion it is sure to do harm unless the calf is a very strong one. Cold or sour milk is liable to bring on similar trouble, and if the skim milk is brought up to near blood heat by the addition of warm water, the ealf at the same time eating a little good hay, it will thrive almost as well as on all sweet milk and at a greatly reduced eost. It is only by such management that calves can be raised at a profit and a little careful study and observation will suffice to guide every farmer into the best course of action. Regularity in feeding is indispensable to success.

Major Dent, the English army horse buyer, is still purchasing horses in Can-ada. His methods of buying are different from any of his predecessors, for he buys through regular horse dealers, who numerous agents throughout the eountry

The Rule of the Road.

Every year it becomes of greater im-Every year it becomes of greater importance that every one using the road for driving and bicycling should be guided by a fixed general rule and be familiar with every point of the law bearing on the matter. It is because of ignorance or neglect of this that a good many preventible accidents take place. It is important, therefore that every one should know the change made during the last session of the local parliament, by which the provisions local parliament, by which the provisions of Sec. 32 of 61 Victoria are repealed and the following put in its place:

In case of a person travelling or being

ur on a highway in charge of a vehicle drawn by one or more horses, one or more animals, meets another vehicle drawn as aforesaid, he shall turn out to the right from the centre of the road, allowing to the vehicle so met one-half of the road.

In case a person travelling or being upon a highway in charge of a vehicle as aioresaid, meets a person travelling upon a bicycle or tricycle, he shall, where prac-ticable, turn to the right from the centre of the road to allow the person travelling upon the bicycle or tricycle sufficient 100m on the travelled portion of the highway to pass.

In case a person travelling or being upon a highway in charge of a vehicle as aforesaid, or on horseback, is overtaken by any vchicle or horseman travelling at a greater speed, the person so overtaken shall quietly turn out to the right and al-low the said vehicle or horseman to pass. Any person so overtaking another ve-

hicle or horseman shall turn out to the left so far as may be necessary to avoid a collision with the vehicle or horseman so overtaken, and the person so overtaken shall not be required to leave more than cne-half of the road free.

In case a person travelling or being upon a street or highway upon a bicycle or tricycle is overtaken by any vehicle as aforesaid, or horseman travelling at a greater speed, the person so overtaken shall quietly turn out to the right and allow the said vehicle or horseman to pass, and tire person so overtaking the bicycle or tricycle shall turn out to the left so far as may be necessary to avoid a collision.

In case a person travelling upon a highway on a bicycle or a tricycle overtakes any vehicle as aforesaid or horseman travelling at a less speed, or a person travelling on foot, the person travelling on the before attempting to pass, and shall pass to the left of such vehicle or horseman, who, if practicable, shall turn to the right to allow such bicycle or tricycle sufficient room to pass on the travelled roadway.

In case two persons travelling upon bi-cycles or tricycles meet each shall turn to the right.

In case a person travelling on a bicycle overtakes another travelling upon a bicycle the one overtaken shall keep or turn to the right of the travelled way to

allow the other to pass on the left.

Persons travelling upon bicycles shall keep to the right of the middle line of

the travelled roadway.

Persons travelling upon bicycles and turning at street intersections from one street to another shall if turning to the right keep close to the corner of the street intersection; if turning to the left they shall first cross the intersecting street and then turn so as to keep to the right of the r .adway.

The last year has been a record one in the exportation of Shorthorns from Britain. Out of a total of 1149 South America took 715 and Canada 334. The present The present year still shows considerable activity along the same lines.

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Sir Walter Gilbey, one of the clearest headed horse fanciers in Britain, has just published his opinions on the lessons to be learned from the campaign in Africa, which are all in favor of mounted infantry as a field force and a horse the style of our best western pony to mount them. Commenting on this little book,

the Scottish Farmer says:—
"Sir Walter Gilbey is a versatile gentleman. He has written much on the horse, and all he has written is worth reading. He never did anything more opportune than this appeal for the breeding of small horses, and his arguments apply to more departments of equine usefulness than this particular one of war. The small horse is being disowned on all hands, and a determined effort is being made in all quarters to make everything big. A good deal of the bigness obtained is mere legginess and grossness of bone, and this brochure should be the means of opening the cyes of more than the purchasers of army remounts to the wisdom of encouraging the breeding of horses whose chief characteristics are staying power, hardiness, and independence of high feeding. Such horses have been den.anded during the South African war, and Great Britain had to look for them elsewhere than within the British Isles. Sir Walter's argument is that the native pony mares of Great Britain-especially of the mountainous parts of Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Devonshire-furnish a nucleus from which, by crossing with a stout Thoroughbred, or, better still, with an Arab, the kind of horses wanted could be easily bred. What is wanted is a miniature Hunter, such as the Polo pony

men are seeking after. "In the course of his argument Sir Walter Gilbey brings together many illustrations of the value of stout, native-bred small horses, and their vast superiority for hard work over the so-called improved stock of more civilized nations. He makes an occasional reference to the 'weedy' Thoroughbred, and any visitor to the London Show, where the amazing animals, which the Royal Commission animals, which the Royal Commission distributes throughout the country to improve the breed of horses, are exhibited, w'll agree that the probability of much improvement following on their use is extremely remote. That acute person, Mr. Cecil Rhodes, some years ago expressed the opinion to Sir Walter that no infusion of English blood would enhance the powers of the small colonialhance the powers of the small colonialbred horse for the performance of the work which local usage lays upon him; and he even had the temerity to deny that any advantage could accrue from the use of the Thoroughbred. In the Soudan campaign, as the result of costly experience, the regiment which left Cairo was mounted entirely on the small Syrian Arab horses, whose average height was 14 hands, their average age fro 8 to 9 years, and their average price £18. These did 16 miles a day across the desert from Wady Halfa to Korti, and a detachment of 500 of them performed a journey of 100 miles in reconnaissance duty in 63 hours. On the return journey six of them did the last 50 miles in 71 hours. Of 350 of these stout little horses used in that hard campaign of nine months across the desert only 12 died from disease, and their performance is justly characterised as a marvel of endurance. They carried a heavy weight on scanty fare, and less water. Small horses (ponies) will beat moderate horses of double their size, and legginess or height is weakness rather than strength.

Captain Burnaby's Ride to Khiva was a marvel of endurance in the man, but it ino breed.

was, if possible, a greater marvel in the pony which carried him. It is described as a little black horse, standing 14 hands, and his price at Kasala, including saddle and bridle, was £5 sterling. This sorry-looking jade, which, the Captain says, looked as if his boots would have been all that he could carry, bore his weight of 20 stone on that memorable ride, doing sometimes 40 miles in six hours, with a ther-mometer below zero. He danced about beneath his rider as if he had been carrying a feather-weight jockey for the Cambridgeshire. The whole journey of 371 miles was done in 9 days 2 hours, or at the rate of more than 40 miles a day. The Captain's pony galloped the last 17 miles through the snow to Kasala in r hour 25 minutes. On the whole, the net result of a performance of this description is to awaken very serious misgivings as to the whole system adopted for the improvement of the breeds of horses in this country. The system of pampering, codding and sweating, e.g., to which a fashionable Hackney is subjected may produce a hardy animal, but if it does there must be a very curious relation between cause and effect in the management of horses. And so also with the Thoroughbred. It is an old controversy, whether the long-distance or the short-distance race is the better adapted to produce a hardy horse. There is truth in a saying quoted by Sir Walter Gilbey that the weedy race-horse is more akin to the greyhound than anything else, and bred for speed alone, and such a horse can never improve anything. He is himself an artificial product, and his adulation is, or ought to be, an exploded supersti-

Last year a farmer exhibited at a Scotch country show a steer not of his own breeding, as called forth by the conditions. His neighbor gave him away and shortly afterwards the law agent of the offender wrote him to demand an apology for libel. Oueer thing law.

The show of the Edinburgh Agricultural Society, now one of the best in the country, was held there on June 16th. It was particularly strong in Clydesdales, from the best studs in Scotland and the north of England. Shorthorns and Polled Angus also made a grand turnout.

A Kansas man gives the following plan of poisoning wolves, which he claims is very successful: "I use mostly rabbit meat as coyotes will eat it better than any other kind. Take a rabbit and skin part of the hind legs and then take a small picce of paper (white rice paper is the best), oil the paper with either lard or butter and put a reasonable amount of crystal strychninc poison on it. Put the poison in the paper, wrap it up good; take your knife and make a hole in the ham of the rabbit and put the poison in

Frequent notice has been taken of the high pices procurable at Buenos Ayres for well bred cattle. It is not so well known that they are quite as willing to pay for well bred sheep. Lincolns seem now leading favorites with them. McLennan, who has imported most of their best cattle, recently took out 54 rams from a good breeding flock in Lincolnshire, which he sold for over \$14,000. A still more wonderful sale was made by another importer named Church, who took out 31 head from the best flock in England, and got for them an average of \$909. One sold for \$2,600. Argentina has now about 80,000,000 sheep. Many of them crossed up from the original Merino breed.

Requisites of a Good Shepherd.

A flock of sheep cannot be handled or fattened successfully without a close observance of their habits and peculiarities. There are a great many little things that enter into the attention and management by a successful shepherd that may seem trivial, yet they much to do with the comfort, thrift, and profit of the flock. The axiom that "The eye of the master fattens" is nowhere more applicable than in the sheepfold. The competent feeder acquires a trained that detects at a glance any evidence of disorder that will be manifest if a single animal is off its feed or out of con-

To the unobserving or inexperienced feeder, sheep all look alike, but when rightly studied no class of stock pre-sents more marked individual peculiaritics or so clearly manifests evidence of thrift and well-doing or the reverse. At-tention to these little details, accompanied by regular habits and a quiet manner, constitutes the keynote of successful sheep feeding. Nothing contributes more to good results than contentment and quiet surroundings. The feeder who disturbs the quict and comfort of the flock every time he goes about it, should quit the sheep business at once. manners and harsh treatment absolutely disqualify any man for success in this work. The natural timidity and nervous temperament of the sheep necessitate gentle treatment.

Their dainty habits about eating drinking must also be indulged as fully as practicable. No animal naturally selects a wider variety of feed, particularly of rough forage and vegetation; but two essentials are always exacted, viz., cleanliness and palatability. Never give a sheep any stale or undesirable feed, nor expect it to eat any feed left over from a pre-vious meal. The ration should be always wholesome and tempting to the appetite. The barn or stabling quarters should never be without a fresh, pure atmosphere and an ample supply of dry bedding. Sheep rarely suffer from cold if kept dry and protected from direct drafts. The open air is better than a poorly kept shed or barn.

An important case to farmers came before W. C. Sanders, J.P., Medicine Hat, for hearing the other day. On June 30th Henry Ternan impounded certain cattle belonging to Robert Elsom and T. Arbelonging to Robert Elsom and nold, charging them over \$30.00 damages and \$3.75 for driving cattle to pound. Robt. Elsom entered complaint that the damages and charges for driving cattle to pound were excessive. A number of witnesses were examined on each side and the court held that the complaint was well founded and adjudged the right damages to be \$9.00, and costs of driving cattle to pound, \$1.50, and ordered the excessive charges to be returned to Elsom, defendant to pay costs amounting to \$8.90. This is the first case of this nature that has come up for hearing under the North-West Herd law, the intention of which scems to be to encourage the settlement of such matters out of court. In case the owner of impounded stock refuses to pay a just charge and any reasonable damages, he is liable to be muleted in the costs but where excessive damages are levied a complaint may be made to a J.P., who has power to award right damages, deduct the costs from same. It would be well for Territorial farmers to remember these provisions.

BOLE'S COUGH CURE COUGHS.

Cattle at the Paris Exposition.

There are in all about 2,000 head of cat-There are in all about 2,000 head of cattie at this great world's exposition, but nearly all of them are French, the expense of exhibiting making it out of the question for outsiders to compete. There are four native breeds, of which the Flamandes are noted for their great milking qualities. The Charolaise resemble Shorthorns and along with the Cotentin breed used in Normandy, may be regarded as good dual purpose cattle. The Limousines are also fine feeders and of good quality. The French have also imported Shorthorns, but in competition with the few English present were not up to show pitch. A few Herefords beat other foreign beef cattle. Italians were their principal competitors. The holding of the English Royal show at near the same time would interfere considerably with that at Paris and the English are not at present in the humor to patronise anything French.

Cattle on the Range.

Cattle on the western ranges are fully a month earlier than last year, grass being plentiful and the beasts in excellent con-The recent dition for the time of year. The recent abundant rains have made the feed too rank and less nutritive and the quality of next winter's feed may on that account be inferior, as it may not cure properly and get frozen. High ocean freights yet prevail for export cattle. In fact they are nearly double last year's rates and but for the improved prices on the British market. the improved prices on the British market prices on the ranges would have been a good deal lower than they are likely to be.

At the last Killarney County Court a case, Campbell v. May, was decided by Judge Locke. Campbell and May traded horses last fall. Afterwards the horse which Campbell received was taken from him under a lien note given by May to the him under a lien note given by May to the party from whom May purchased him. Campbell sued for the price of the horse and obtained judgment.

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Among the Breeders.

J. S. Gibson, Morden, reports an extra fine bull ealf from his cow, Prize Cherry. At two months old he weighed 216 lbs.

Robert White, who has been for a good few years a breeder of Shorthorns at Wakopa, Man., died there on July 5th, in his 71st year.

W. Pelton, Mountain Gap, Man., recently brought out a couple of young Jerseys, bull and heifer, bought from H. Pillar, Russell, Ontario.

E. J. Martin, Lake Francis, has bought from H. O. Ayearst, Middlechurch, the yearling bull, Crimson President, recently noted in our columns.

A. E. Groff, Winnipegosis, Man., has recently purchased half a dozen Shorthorns from the herds of Hon. Thomas Greenway and Wm. King, Fork River, Man. He has also secured a few pedigreed Yorkshires.

L. Stone, Theodore, Assa., reports that his Shorthorn heifer, Jubilee Queen 2nd, recently dropped a fine bull calf by Lord Herschell. Jubilee Queen 1st, full sister to this heifer, was lately sold at a high figure.

M. Oughton, Middlechureh, Man., has made a good beginning with Poland China pigs and Cotswold sheep. His Poland China herd is headed by Smith's Boy—1173—bred by W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, Ont. He was sired by Allan—871—. In 1898 Smith's Boy was the first prize pig at Toronto Exhibition under six months, and is a lengthy deep der six months, and is a lengthy, deep well filled out hog. He has never been shown at Winnipeg, but is likely to make his appearance this year. Among the sows in this herd are two which we would like to mention. Louella—1230—is a smooth, lengthy sow, bred by D. Fraser & Son, Emerson. She is by Gordon, an imported hog, and her dam is Mollie Blond Viola, by Crown Prince. She is no stranger to Winnipeg show grounds. having won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places on different occasions, and her stock are now prize winners also. At the time we saw her she was ready to wean a fine litter of nice lengthy pigs, sired by Smith's Boy. The other sow is Red River Maid, out of Louella and sired by Major, 2nd at Winnipeg for three years in succession. She is even better than her dam, being a very smooth sow, just turned two years old. She had just farrowed a few days before our visit. Some young pigs under six months were eoming along nicely. Cotswolds Mr. Oughton has a fine buneh, but we only saw the stock ram Landazer's Pride and a few others. This well developed ram was bred by E. Hysop, Killarney, Man., and has been a winner at local shows as well as at Winnipeg, where he headed the prize pen last year. He has proved a good breeder and the lambs of his get are doing well this spring. breeding flock comprises 12 ewes, some of them imported, but all well developed, well covered with heavy fleeces of extra quality, and numbers of them prize win-

H. O. Ayearst, Middlechureh, Man, made his start with Shorthorn cattle in 1891 by the purchase of Starlight at the Binscarth Stock Farm's dispersion sale. She has proved a very useful cow to him, being a regular breeder, a heavy milker and good enough to win second place in the Winnipeg show ring. She is still doing duty in the herd, with a heifer calf at foot, which is a fine, lengthy, promising one. Another of the older animals in the herd is Crimson Gem, a cow of Arthur Johnston's breeding, by Indian Chief. Though up in years she is a well preservable.

ed, useful cow and would adorn any herd. She was first as a two-year-old in 1893 and chosen by Prof. Shaw as his model of the beef type when making his address. Her bull ealf, almost a year old now, by President (imp.), speaks well for her as a breeder. Her daughter, Crimson Chrysanthemum, also by President, is another large, well put up cow that has been a large, well put up cow that has been a regular breeder and a heavy milker. A son of Crimson Chrysanthemum, Crimson Sirdar, by Gravesend's Heir 2nd (imp.), is practically at the head of the herd. He is just 20 months old, is a smooth, stylish bull showing good growth and a very even thick covering of flesh. The only fault, if fault it can be called, is that he is white, otherwise he is a first-class animal. All Crimson Chrysanthemum's stock have given the best of satisfaction and a number of her bulls have headed very successful herds. Another useful cow is Crimson Queen, a heavy, thick fleshed red one of A. Johnston's breeding. Her sire is Warfare (imp.) and her dam Crimson Bud, by Eelipse She is a good handler, a regular breeder and won at Winnipeg as a yearling first place and second as a two and a threeyear-old. A nice three-year-old heifer of hers, Crimson Princess, of extra good size, with well sprung rib and a magnificent front, is in calf to Crimson Sirdar. yearling heifer is also equally good and likewise a four months old bull calf, by President. They are all handlers and well represent the high quality of the members of the herd. Two of Winnipeg. The bull calf is a particularly nice fellow with good lines. Other young things in the herd all show good breed-

Gordon, Ironside & Fares are now shipping freely for the British market, which has improved considerably of late. But for the stin transportation rates this would he a good scason for heef cattle, as they are forward in condition owing to the early and favorable spring, and heef is worth 2½ cents more now than it was two years ago.

Alex. Galhraith, Janesville, Wis., writes: "I have just sold one of my hest imported Clydesdale stallions to Thos. H. Barnes, of Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa. This horse is named Prince of Edengrove and not only is he a prize-winner himself, hut hoth his sire and dam have heen first prize-winners at the Royal Society Show in England. Priuce of Edengrove is 6-years-old, of a heautiful hright hay color, weighs 1975 lhs. and is a show horse in every particular as well as a splendid breeder. He will he seen at Winnipeg Fair this month, where he will, douhtless, give a good account of himself. Mr. Barnes may he congratulated on securing such a choice horse for the Northwest."

The very large herd of Shorthorns on the Thorndale Stock Farm of John S. Robson, Manitou, are looking as well this summer as the writer has ever seen them. This herd now numbers somewhere ahout 125 head of pure-bred stock, and all excepting two bulls and one or two others were running on the extensive pasture lands which Mr. Robson owns along the Pembina river. The cows, which were in nice breeding shape, had mostly calved, and, thus far, not a calf had heen lost. A numher of this year's crop of calves pleased us, heing mossy-hided, growthy, and shapely ones. Mr. Robson reports a good demand for young stock the past season, and all young bulls fit for service were readily disposed of. The 2-year-old bull, Bismarck, was in good condition, and is a very good heast. He is particularly good on the hack and has a hind quarter very nicely filled out. Royal Judge, the yearling bull, sired by Greenway's Judge, with which Mr. Rohson secured 1st place at Winnipeg and Brandon last year as a calf, has done well, and will likely make a heavier bull than the other one. He is keeping well up in quality, and, no doubt, will be a beast which will do good service in the herd. Mr. Rohson was making preparations tending toward the building of new and better class buildings nearer the river. Last year he grew a large supply of a splendid sample of Brome grass seed, and recently had on hand the best supply of seed for sale we know of anywhere. Since our visit Mr. Robson writes that he has 44 Shorthorn calves on the farm at present, 21 of which are bull calves. He had one pair of twins.

Wm. Baldwin, Sr., of Manitou, showed us through his herd of Tamworth pigs. He habeen raising this useful hreed of swlne the last few years and has a number of good specimens. The foundation stock was secured from A. C. Hallman, New Dundee, Ont., the original sow of the herd, Springhank Sally, still doing good service on the farm. She is a well-made pig, with an extra deep side and an evenness of thickness which sets her forward as a spiendia animal. British Champion, the boar being used, was imported from England in dam, and was horn in quarantine. He was good enough to het sweepstakes winner in Winnipeg last year. There was a stock altogether of about 20 or 20 pure-bred Tamworths of various ages. A dairy herd of Holstein grades is headed by the purebred Holstein bull, Prince of the North, bred from the stock of A. & G. Rice, of Currie's Crossing, Ont. He is a fine buil, three years old, and was placed first at Winnipeg last year in his class. He is a thrifty, mellow-feeling fellow with a good weight of hind quarter and rather more thickness than is usual in the hreed. A two-year-old helfer is the only pure-hred Holstein on the farm as yet, but she promises to make a good cow.

Henders Bros., of Treherne, showed us the two 2-year-old Clydesdale stallions Imported this spring from Ontarlo. Lawrence Erskinc, the older one, is by Erskine's Pride, and traces hack on the sire's side to Prince Charlie, and on the dam's side to Prince of Wales. This young horse is a heautiful bay, a bold upstanding colt with considerable styie, splendid crest for his age, and a decidedly strong, though not rough, head. The other colt, The Squirc, was sired hy Puritan, and his great-grandfather was Macgregor. He has not been hrought forward quite as well as the other, but promises to finish into a well hodled, stylish horse. He will he just a little lower set. Both colts have splendid bone. They were not appearing at their best, heing just on the way to recovery from an attack of influenza.

On different occasions we have noted the enterprise of John Wallace, Cartwright. During the past year he has erected a stock harn 100x60 ft., stone foundation, with cement above, reacning to the eaves. It is intended to add an audition, which will make the building an "L, 100 feet each way. An unusual feeding arrangement is used. A mauger extends in front of the cattle in the usual way. The back of the feed lack slopes into the feed passage from the top of the manger nearest to it. The portion of the rack through which the cattle eat is hinged at the bottom and set in such a way that when the feed is caten out it will drop away from the heast and rest upou the hoards at the hack. It is claimed this gives the animals more room to lie down and get up, and thus economizes space. The Buckley patent water system is used and has given satisfaction. Up to the first part of June ahout 40 head of shippers were being fed for the markets. Mr. Wallace has some Hereford stock and had three or four nice young buils in the stable. Maple Grove is one which was purchased from W. H. Hunter, of The Maples, Ont. We understand this bull was the winner of first place at Toronto and Guelph last year as a calf. Rock Lake is another yearling, which was second at Winnipeg last year, but we think the hest of the bunch is Buller, a last summer's calf, which is hard to beat. The lot are three nice ones, smooth and growthy, and are in good hands, as John Waldie, the stockman, is an old hand with cattle and has forgotten none of the art.

A call at the farm of Steel Bros., of Glenhoro, and a look through their Ayrshires was afforded our representative a few days ago. The Messrs. Steel are Scotchmen, having halled from Ayrshire, and were in the dairy business in the old country before coming to Manitoba. When one knows this, he is not surprised to find that they have stuck to the cattle of their native shire and are carrying on a nice dairy business on their farm in the west. The dairy huilding, which is splendidly arranged, is fitted with a one-horse gasoline engine, geared to supply power to the separator, churn and pump. Among the herd we found about 22 pure-hred head of stock, hesides a few grades. Out in the field the cows were looking well, although on short pasture. Jessie Wallace, the cow which was placed first last year at Winnipeg as aged cow, is milking well again this season. Bella, the winner in the 2-year-old class, has come on to be a fine cow, and shows splendid style in the head and through the shoulders. Both of these are cows hard to fault. Daisy Dean, a 2-year-old, not yet calved, is a fine beast. Her dam, Heather Bell, was sweepstakes dairy cow last year over all ages and breeds. There are a number of other cows of good style, some of them showing a splendid development of udder and free milking tendencies. Some few, strong in individual merit, have been debarred from registering further progeny on account of the revision in the herd books a year ago. The year-ling bull, Surprise of Fairfield, purchased from W. M. Smith, of Fairfield Plains, Ont., and winner of 1st place last year at the Industrial as

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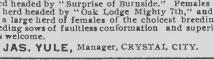
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bull calf, also sweepstakes as bull any age, has come on well the past year. He was sired by Surprise of Burnside, and has for his granddam Nellie Osborne (imp.), sweepstakes Ayrshire cow at the World's Falr. The young bull is of very stylish color, carries a noble head and is deep-chested, straight and handsome. We feelike predicting for him a good deal of usefulness. Royal Chief, the 2-year-old with which the second place was taken last year as a yearling, has done better the past year than up to a year ago. Cock-a-Bendie, a yearling of their own breeding, is in a number of respects a splendid bull and possesses a good line of breeding. Nine or ten calves had been dropped and were a nice lot, including a helfer of the Wallace family, which took our fancy very much.

A call at the farm of J. G. Washington, Ninga, is always of interest. The rew Clydesdales werlooking well, as were also the Shorthorns. The 4-year-old mare, Lydia, bred by D. & O. Sorby, and brought west a year ago, is a handsome and stylish beast, which had a strong string of show-yard winnings in the east. She is an animal which should do good service in such hands. An entire colt, rising two years, is a bold, rangy fellow, with good movement. He was appearing at a disadvantage, just recovering from an attack of influenza. The present head of the Shorthorn herd is Indian Warrior 2nd bred by Jos. Lawrence & Sons, sired by Indian Warrior, and out of Baroness Stanley 2nd. This bull is a roan four years old, used for sometime by James R. Whyte, of Lyonshall, and is a beast we have heard of before as a strong number at the local fairs. He has a well made masculine head, a shapely neck, deep front and pretty well carried out quarters. Doubtless with Mr. Washington's care, and a combination with the blood already in the herd, he will get some excellent stock. Three young calves from Royal Hope, the former bull, are a fine lot. The female stock here always appears well. One 2-year-old heifer, Ninga Jubilee Queen, out of Prairie Queen, by Warrior (imp.), is an extra fine one, and will make a stylish cow. Another good one of the same age is Rosebud, a half-sister to Jubilee Knight, the bull raised by Mr. Washington and which is now used in the herd of N. P. Clark, St. Cloud, Minn. Gem of Lakeside, a fine cow which has raised some excellent calves, was secured from the herd of R. McLennan, and has carried her good milking qualities with her. Mr. Washington reports sales this spring of bulls to James Maxwell, Ninga; Jas. R. Whyte, Lyonshall; Wm. Chapman, Lyonshall; and Geo. H. Otto, Starbuck; also a heifer to D. Hysop & Son, Killarney. He has purchased a heifer of the Clementina family from R. McLennan, Moropano.

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A Depraved Appetite.

W. H. H., Deleau, Man.: "Pleasc tell me through your paper why does a cow, which is apparently in good health, stand in the pasture and chew an old bone most of the time?

Answer.-The cow chews bones because her system is craving for something which it requires but cannot obtain from the feed she is getting. Probably what she needs is either salt or lime. If she has been getting salt regularly, it must be the latter and you should give her some phosphate of lime in her feed every day.

Leucorrhœa.

Subscriber, Butterfield: "1. I have a mare that last winter appeared to be always in season, was served twice by horse this spring, and now is continually straining and passing water in small quantities; is geting very thin and weak, but eats heartily and is fairly keen. 2. Mare served soon after No. 1, discharged white matter for a time, then quiet for nearly a fortnight and then started again. Think it is the whites. Kindly give cause and cure."

Answer. — Both mares are suffering from leucorrhoea, which is a difficult trouble to cure by medicine alone, and success is seldom attained without local treatment. This consists in washing out the vagina with an antiseptic solution ence or twice a day. To do this properly requires a suitable apparatus, and this is not often available at a farmer's establishment. An injection pump and about six feet of rubber hose with a nozzle is the proper appliance to use, but an efficient substitute can be manufactured out of a pail and some rubber hose. The hose is to be fastened to the bottom of the pail in such a way that the fluid in the pail will run out through the hose when mitted. This apparatus is used by filling the pail with the fluid, then, inserting the end of the hose in the vagina, raise the pail a foot or two above the mare's back. The fluid will pass gently through the tube and irrigate the diseased mucous niembrane effectually.

The solution to use consists of creolin one part, warm water one hundred parts. This is a little more than a tablespoonful to a gallon, and a gallon at least should

be used for each injection.

In addition to this local treatment, feed the mare liberally, and give her twice a day in her feed a teaspoonful of fluid extract of hydrastis canadensis.

Warts.

J. N., Alberta: "Kindly advise treatment for warts around the eye on a year-ling heifer. I have applied castor oil West Farmer.



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Probably Calculus, or Stone in the Bladder.

E. J. C., Pilot Mound: "I have a mare, about nine years old, which seems to strain considerably when making urine, which seems to be more or less blood, flows steadily, seems worse after driving; is not with foal, has not been taken to horse for about three years. Came on first in spring and then seemed all right until about a week ago. Seems to feel good and keeps in good flesh.'

Answer.—The symptoms indicate the presence of a stone in the bladder. You should take the mare to a veterinary surgeon and have her examined. If a stone is found it can be removed by a comparatively easy and safe operation and the mare will be restored to health.

Rheumatism-Worms.

Subscriber, Greenway, Man.: "I have a mare suckling a colt which I have been working. I worked her during a rain, but when put in the stable for noon was quite dry, next morning was lame and the rain have any effect on her, as she is a heavy milker? 2. I have a young horse which I have been working on the plough. He went off his feed; would stand humped up with his four feet close together, always wanting to rub hind quarter against the wall. Please prescribe.

Answer .- 1. Your mare has an attack of rheumatism, the result, no doubt, of the wetting she got. Give her twice a day two drachms of salicylate of soda. Bathe the stiff joints in water as hot as can be borne, afterwards rub dry and ap-

ply a little linimentum saponis.

2. Starve the horse for twenty-four hours and then administer the following: Santonin half an ounce, oil of turpentine two ounces, linseed oil one pint. When this has operated resume ordinary feed and give twice daily one drachm of powdered sulphate of iron.

Sore Feet.

W. R. F., Rosenort, Man.: "I have a six-year-old horse that is very sore on his front feet. When I got him the inner part of his feet were so long that his whole weight rested on it and the frog. I' pared his feet out to the natural shape and shod him, but he is no better. frog is so sore that if he happens to step on a small hard lump, it makes him limp for several steps. It is very soft and sore to the touch. Would a blister help?" Answer.—Your horse appears to be

retty badly used up in the feet, probably the result of neglecting to keep them trimmed to the proper shape and length. The long toe has thrown the weight upon the navicular bone and tendon and put an undue pressure on the frog. The symptoms point to soreness in both those regions and he may have both navicular disease and thrush. You should pare away with a sharp farrier's knife all diseased frog, then sprinkle calomel over it and work it well up into the cleft of the Shorten the toe of the foot as much as it will stand and apply a blister across the heels and back of the pastern. After the skin has recovered from the ef-

fect of the blister, say in a week, turn him out on the grass for a month or six weeks. A soft pasture will be the best. When you take him up again have him shod with bar shoes with heel caulks to raise the heel a quarter of an inch above the toe

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Some Properties of Milk.

By T. A. Wiancko, Churchbridge, Assa.

The many changes which milk undergoes when kept for any time are evidenced by the rapidity with which this valuable food sours, coagulates, changes its color, etc. Many of these changes are of a very complicated nature, and as yet comparatively little understood. The sub-ject, however, is of such great practical importance to all dairymen that I need make no apology for the following remarks on some of the more common changes which milk undergoes under different conditions.

Milk begins to change from the moment it leaves the udder, and if not properly cared for may soon become unfit for use. The majority of these changes are due to the action of various forms of bacteria, which are constantly at work in the milk and produce equally various results. Milk furnishes a very congenial home and an abundance of food for most forms of bacteria. Some forms attack one milk constituent, and some another so that in a very short time a slow transformation of the various milk constituents takes place, which ultimately leads to the changes in the properties of milk so familiar to us

Milk, as it comes from the udder, is of practically uniform composition. If, howpractically uniform composition. If, however, we allow it to stand at rest for any length of time we find that the uniformity of its composition is disturbed by an accumulation which takes place more or less quickly on the surface of the milk, of minute fat globules, which form a part of the whole milk, and concurrently with this separation of the fat, a change in the color of the main body will be observed. The removal of the fat will lessen the opacity of the milk and render it more transacity of the milk and render it more transparent, hence the bluish tinge so characteristic of skim milk.

After a time milk spontaneously coagulates and develops a sour taste. Before this takes place, however, an inspection of the milk would show that considerable change was taking place. From the time of its leaving the udder it is taken possession of by a class of bacteria known as lactic acid bacteria, from the fact that they produce lactic acid in milk by decomposing its sugar, which is present to the extent of about five per cent., and which is a very easily decomposable substance. These lactic bacteria are much influenced in the rate of their development by the temperature of the milk. This fact borne in mind will explain why the influence of heat has such a great effect in regulating the changes which take place in the milk. Rapid de-velopment of these bacteria takes place at temperatures above 60 deg. Fahr., and it is for this reason that milk should be cooled down at once after milking, if it is desired to keep the milk for some time. On the other hand, just as a low temperature is unfavorable for the development of bacteria, so is also a high temperature. Heating the milk to 155 to 160 deg. F., or above, checks fermentation and the deve-

lopment of lactic acid.

The effect of the formation of lactic acid, after it has reached certain proportions, is to cause coagulation of the case ous matter of the milk, and the milk will also lose its amphioteric reaction, the al-

kaline alone remaining and gradually increasing in strength. This may take place to such an extent that a slight increase of temperature, or the addition of carbonic acid, will cause immediate coagulation of the milk, and finally the casein, even at ordinary temperatures, becomes coagulated. It is not definitely known just what reaction takes place when milk coagulates, but it is most probable that the casein is present in combination with lime, in which it acts the part of an acid, the compound being soluble. When the acid becomes sufficiently strong a decomposition is effected whereby the casein and lime are separated, and the former is precipitated in the form of a white insoluble mass, which encloses quantities of all the other constituents of the milk.

Coagulation may also be brought about by various precipitating reagents, such as dilute acid, salts, alcohols, etc., and by rennet, but it differs from the coagulation effected by spontaneous souring of the milk. In the lactic fermentation, and when milk is coagulated by rennet, the casein is precipitated as an adhesive mass while mineral acids, on the other hand, produce mineral acids, on the other hand, produce flecculent coagulation. That obtained by rennet differs slightly in composition from that obtained when the milk has soured spontaneously, the former contains most of the calcium phosphate, while the latter contains only traces of that substance. Other things being equal, the higher the temperature of the milk, up to about 150 deg. F., the less the quantity of acids or

other precipitating reagents will be required to effect coagulation.

Milk has been found to be amenable to many so-called strange "diseases." For example, it has been found to develop strange colored patches, red, yellow, green or blue, and to have its whole color changed. It was first supposed that these diseases, along with such others as premature curdling, assuming a bitter taste, becoming stringy, slimy, or of a soapy texture, were all due to conditions of food, to the pasture, to the soil, or to the illness of the animal, but we now know that such milk diseases are due almost entirely to bacterial life, and ought never to occur when proper care and cleanliness are ex-

ercised at all times in the dairy.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon heat and cleanliness as instruments in retarding many, if not all, of these changes. Cleanliness should be exercised in every way—the hands of the milker, the teats of the cow, in the stable, and in the milk pails and other dairy utensils.

An American in Cuba, writing to Hoard's Dairyman, says that milk retails in Havana at 50c. a gallon wholesale and up to 80c. retail. Butter brings about 75c. when not too hot to run off the table. Cow feed is easily grown and American enterprise is bound to lay hold on a business with such possibilities of profit in it.

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In the last issue of The Nor'-West Farmer, July 5th, being the Mid-Summer Fair Number, the Canadian Dairy Supply Co. published a testimonial from Mr. C. C. Macdonald, our Travelling Representative, written when he was Dairy Commissioner for this Province, 16th April, 1896, in which this statement occurs:—

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Now, if this statement was correct it would go to prove that the Alpha Laval is a pretty good Separator, for that residue of fat means only $3\frac{1}{6}$ oz. of butter left in 100 gallons of milk. In order to verify the statement our Manager, Mr. Wm. Scott, called at the Department of Agriculture, and requested the officials to open their vault and allow him to inspect their copy of the letter in question. He was told that all their transactious were for the benefit of the public, that they had uo facts to conceal, and that his request would be granted with pleasure, and any similar request from any farmer of a like nature would at once be complied with. In the copy of the letter in the possession of the Department, the above sentence reads as follows:—

When 837 lbs. was put through in the 1 hr. 2 min above mentioned, the skim milk tested .2 per of fat."

Which is a different story, as .2 means $3\frac{1}{5}$ oz. of butter in 10 Gallons of milk. Now what is to be said about such deliberate falsification? We have said, in another place, that we welcome fair competition but are determined to expose falsehood whereever we find it. The facts in counection with this testimonial, which we have just stated, show that to arrive at the truth of some of the statements of the Canadian Dairy Supply Co. it is necessary to divide them by 10. Any pinchbeck Cream Separator will test down to .2 of fat in the skim milk, and if that Company desires to make good their claim of having the best Separator, they must produce more reliable evidence than this famous testimonial. If anyone desires to verify our statement, we refer them to "Letter Book 25" on file in the Department of Agriculture, Legislative Buildings, Winnipeg.

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A Keen Separator Contest.

Just as we go to press word comes of a most exciting cream separator contest at the Portage la Prairie show, the result of the challenge thrown out by the Canadian Dairy Supply Co. to all rivals for a public test of their respective separators. The challenge was accepted by the R. A. Lister Co., and the judges appointed were Messrs. P. Cameron, Westbourne,, T. Sissons and C. E. Grobb, Portage la Prairie. To each machine was given 200 lbs. milk at 85 deg. temperature. The score was as follows :-

Dura- Clean Easy Easy Capability. Skim'g. Clean'g. Run'g. city. Totals 15 20 22 15 16 25 24³/₄ 25

The Melotte was handled by C. C. Macdonald for the R. A. Lister Co. and the Alpha by C. Lindbach for the Canadian Dairy Supply Co. The contest was a neck and neck one and goes to show how very perfect are the machines now being offered to the farmers of the west.

The Brandon creamery since the first of April has made 50,030 lbs. of butter.

During the month of June, 17,000 lbs. of butter were made by A. A. Jory, at the Rapid City creamery. It sold for \$2,890.

The Red Deer government creamery, which has been in operation throughout the winter season, reports an output of 8,471 lbs. of butter for the month of May.

The Neepawa creamery has ceased operations for this season. Mr. Baird took charge of the business in the spring, but owing to the price that merchants were paying for butter, the creamery lacked sufficient patronage to make it pay and the directors were forced to close up.

A French scientist has discovered that by substituting pig's milk for cow's milk in the nursing bottles of the nation France will be filled a generation or two hence with a race of giants. He argues that on this infantile diet the Frenchman who for more than a hundred years has been grown. more than a hundred years has been growing more and more dwarfed, except in conceit, will become a Boer in avordupois and virility and a terror to his Anglo-Saxon, Teutonic and Slavonic neighbors.

Milk preservation is not a thing of yes-Milk preservation is not a thing of yesterday. In Paris 70 years ago the milk vendors dosed it with cheap potassium bought from the grocers. The alkali was meant to check the acidulous fermentation of the milk. Carbonate of soda was also used to check souring, and it was also claimed that milk treated with carbonate of soda dissolved in water threw was more cream than milk allowed to stand up more cream than milk allowed to stand in the ordinary dishes.

During the month of May the Holstein-Friesian Association approved of and re-corded 37 cows in their Advanced Registry on performance. These cows were all tested for seven days by repreesntatives from the Experiment stations. Ten aged cows made an average of 16 lbs. 6 1-5 oz. of 80 per cent. butter in the week, 9 cows, 4 to 5 years old, made 15 lbs, 10 1-10 oz.; 6 cows, 3 to 4 years old, made 14 lbs. 1 4-5 oz., and 14, under three years old, made 11 lbs. 14 4-5 oz.

old, made 11 lbs. 14 4-5 oz.

One of the most up-to-date dairy farmers in South Dakota, C. H. Loucks, of Moody Co., is deaf and dumb. He is well read, edits the dairy column of the Dakota Farmer, has made a comfortable home, is extra well off, and is an all-round good man. There is another man of the same name in the same state, who owns a mouth, works his jaw and is an all-round demagogue of the most approved stamp, who has done more harm and less good to the farmers of that state than any other farmer in it. The contrast between the two men is certainly interesting. two men is certainly interesting.

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Winnipeg, 16th April, 1896.

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Agent, "De Laval." Separator, Boissevain, Man.

Dear Sir,—At your request I submit the following in regard to the work done by the
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milk was put through the Separator in 1 br. 2 min. When 600 lbs. was put through in an
hour, the skim-milk tested but a trace of fat. When 837 lbs. was put through in the 1 br. 2
min. ahove mentioned, the skim-milk tested .02 per cent. of fat. I have no hesitation in
saying that your Separator is all that could be desired as a Cream Separator. The simplicity
of its construction is a guarantee of its heing handled successfully by even an inexperienced
man.

Yours truly, C. C. MACDONALD, Dairy Superintendeut.

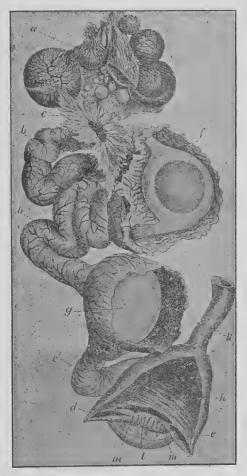
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The Production and Fertilization of an Egg.

This is a subject of great interest to every poultryman as there is nothing which causes so much disappointment as infertile eggs. A correct knowledge of the process of production and fertilization will assist breeders in understanding this vexed question. It also points out the absolute necessity for that healthy condi-



tion of the system which can only be obtained by proper and regular exercise. Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry, explains this subject very fully in a recent number of The Feather. To properly illustrate the subject the accompanying engraving, taken from his book, "The Diseases of Poultry," is given

try, is given.

In this engraving the ovary is seen at "a," the spherical bodies being the eggs in different stages of development. It is cnly the yolk or yellow which develops in the ovary, this being the true ovum or egg. The ovum while it remains in the ovary is covered by two membranes which constitute what is known as the calyx. This calyx or ovarian capsule is connected with the rest of the ovary by a contracted base or pedicle through which the circulation is maintained.

Numerous bloodvessels are seen upon the surface of the calyx, and as the egg matures a white transverse line makes its

such as exist being very minute and scarcely visible. This light colored band is called the stigma and begins to appear when the ova are about an inch in diameter. It increases in breadth, and the membranes become thinner as the ovum

acquires its full size.

As the egg becomes fully mature, the capsule is ruptured along the stigma, this process being probably aided by pressure of the infundibular portion, "c," of the oviduct. An empty calyx from which an egg has recently escaped is seen in the er graving. The egg when free from the calyx passes into the infundibular opening of the oviduct "c" and is propelled in a rotary course by the peristaltic action of this tube. It has not gone far before the lining membrane of the oviduct secrctes a dense layer of albumen which envelops it and is continued from each pole in the form of filaments which become twisted in a spiral by the rotary movement with which it progresses. dense layer of albumen is called the membrana chalizifera and the filaments are known as the chalazoe. The illustration known as the chalazoe. The illustration shows an egg at "f," at the time the first layer is deposited.

The egg is forced slowly along the oviduct and two more layers of albumen are deposited upon it. The first is only of r edium density and the second still more

soft and watery.

When the narrower part of the oviduct, called the isthmus, is reached dense layers of albumen are again secreted which form the membrana putaminis, or thin white skin which is familiar to all as being located just within the shell.

After this, the egg, now of ovate form with the small end towards the cloaca, passes into the uterine or shell-forming dilatation, where a thick, white fluid is secreted and deposited upon the membrana putaminis, and rapidly condenses to form the shell (see "g" in the illustration). Having given this preliminary descrip-

tion of the development of the egg, the reader is prepared for a discussion of the question of the process of fertilization. copulation the spermatozoa are deposited the posterior opening of the oviduct. From this point they make their way along the tube in the opposite direction from that traversed by the egg. They are able to reach both the infundibular open-They are ing of the oviduct and the surface of the

It is plain that the spermatozoa are most likely to penetrate the yolk at the time when its coverings will offer least resistance to their movements. Some have supposed that the egg is fertilized before it leaves the calyx, but this is improbable. because it is then covered by two layers of dense and impenetrable membrane. It is, also, improbable that the spermatozoa can gain access to the yolk after the formation of the membrana chalizifera these reasons, it appears safe to conclude that impregnation occurs between the time the calyx is ruptured and the first dense layer of albumen is deposited.

If this conclusion as to the time of impregnation is correct, there can be but a comparatively short time during which the egg is in a condition to be fertilized. In order that fertilization should occur, is necessary that the spermatozoa should be present in the anterior portion of the oviduct. The time required for the fertilizing elements to reach that part of the oviduct in sufficient numbers curately known, and, no doubt, differs considerably in different cases. It is considerably in different cases. It is generally admitted, however, that some days must elapse after the hens are placed with the males, before the eggs can be relied upon for hatching purposes. There appearance across the most prominent is also, more or less uncertainty as to the part, and this line on examination is length of time the spermatozoa retain found to be almost destitute of vessels, their vitality and the period that eggs will

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be fertilized after the withdrawal of the male. In this respect, also, there is no doubt much difference with different individuals and under various conditions. Prom one to two weeks is the usual period, but the extremes have not been definitely determined.

If you are going to start in the poultry business next season start now.

An incubator for ostrich eggs is the latest new thing in poultry farming. A 30-egg incubator was a recent export from England to the Cape of Good Hope.

It will profit the breeder but little to have raised a large number of choice chicks this season if he does not succeed in getting them into other hands at good prices. Now is the accepted time for the fancier to plant an advertisement in The Farmer. In no other way can the stock be specessfully disposed of. The non-advertising breeder is he who fails—always.

There are a great many untruths believed for the reason that they are so constantly told. We scarcely ever read a poultry journal now, in this season of the year, but what we note the statement that it is best to keep the chicks confined mornings till the grass is dry, the dew has disappeared. Don't you believe it. If you can safely leave your brood-coop doors open all night, do so. Allow the chicks the opportunity of getting out as early in the morning as they like. They will pick up worms and bugs sufficient to afford a good breakfast—a far better breakfast than you or I will be able to supply fast than you or I will be able to supply them. Of course we will feed them in the morning, but several hours later, for you and I do not "get up" with the chicks—not every morning.—American Poultry Journal.

Summer and Fall Fairs.

Returns from the wheat prospects for this year at the Indiana statistician's office ir dicate that this year's crop will be but 80 per cent. of the average.

In Nebraska some boys have hit on a curious way of catching rabbits. They carry with them a coil of hose about an inch in diameter, which they pay out down the hole until the bottom is reached, meanwhile drawing the mouth of a sack over the hole. A cheerful shout down the hole brings the rabbit out at his best pace, plump into the sack. The hose evidently does the business as quickly as a ferret, with no vexatious days.

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In this department we publish as fuil a list of the impounded, lost and estray stock of Western Canada as is available. Notice in one issue, not exceeding five lines of lost or estray stock is given free to any of our subscribers who forward information. Notices exceeding above mentioned length will be chargeable at the rate of 10 cents per line on all everplus matter. The list of impounded stock is compiled from reliable sources. able sources.

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Balcarres, Assa.—One mare, aged, buckskin, black points, small white star on forehead, 15 hands high, branded W P on right hip, leather halter on; one yearling filly, cream, white stripe on face, three white feet; one horse, 4 or 5 years old, roan, black points, small white star on forehead, two white hind feet, brand on right shoulder looks like round-topped T, about 16 hands in height. John Morton,

mare, star on forehead, two white hind feet, mane clipped, branded on left shoulder, shod on front feet. J. Casey, 32, 9,

West Selkirk, Man.—One dark bay mare weighing about 1,100 lbs., ten years old. E. Quickfall.

Portage la Prairie, Man.—One cow, spotted red and white, four years old, branded G B on hip. Reward. Geo. Brandon.

Roland, Man.—One grey heifer, two years old, tail elipped, lost about 15th June from herd near Myrtle. S. Wakely, 28, 4, 4. Sintaluta,

Sintaluta, Assa.—One broncho mare, brown, supposed to be in foal, one hip down, weight about 1,200 lbs., branded F M on left hip. Rewerd, \$5. Israel Blakeley.

Yellow Grass, Assa.—One white cow, with light red on shoulder and split in ear. About 5 years old. Jas. A. M. Johnston, 34, 11, 16.

Estray.

Ellisboro, Assa.—One mare, sorrel, white stripe on face, had halter on, weight about 1,000 pounds; one mare, bay, halter on, weight about 1,000 lbs. H. Edwards,

Hilton, Man.—Strayed on to my premises on or about 20th of June, two young mares, branded P B, one on right, the other on left shoulder; one with stripe; one with star on forehead; both have halters on; also one dark horse, aged, branded O on left hip. William

Aged, branded O on left filp. William Notman, 16, 6, 16.

Qu'Appelle Station, Assa.—One filly, yearling or two years, bright bay, crooked white stripe on forehead, black mane and tail, driver. J. R. Brown, 22, 18, 14

The Dauphin Agricultural Society are showing their enterprise in purchasing, clearing and fitting up grounds of thirty acres in extent. The work is a credit to a town not yet four years old.

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MARKET REVIEW.

Winnipeg, July 19th, 1900.

The recent rains created a decidedly better feeling in trade circles. The most active business is being done in groceries, provisions and fruits. Just now most business houses are preparing for the exhibitions. The recent rains have raised the rivers so that logs can be floated and the saw-mills arc busy again. The trade in farm implements has fallen off considerably. In the two Dakotas and Minnesota dealers expect to have much of their stock left on their hands. This is not pleasant, as prices are likely to be lower next year. During the past six months the number of failures in Canada was the smallest in eighteen years. Bank clearings continue to show an increase. Money scarce in business circles and country collections are poor.

Wheat.

Since the middle of June there has been a good deal of sensational movement in wheat, but the net results so far as it affects the prospect of higher prices for the grower is not very encouraging. This day month the market at Chicago jumped up about 4 cents from the prices quoted the day before. The occasion of this jump was the report of shortage in the northern winter wheat states and the three great spring wheat states of Minnesota and the Dakotas. Chicago was quoted at 79c. and Fort William 80c. Since then 94c. was one day reached at Fort William, but could not be sustained. The crop reports were worked in the wheat pit for all they could do, one day up the next down, as the bulls or bears predominated. The net result is that to-day Chicago goes 76c. and Fort William 80c., with little doing on the local market. Railroad companies and stock spectral parts have recently made a great sound. ulators have recently made a great sound about the wonderful results of recent rains, but the noise cannot alter the cold facts of the situation. The U.S. government crop report for July 1 shows Ohio and Indiana with 25 per cent. of a crop. North Dakota 30, South Dakota 44, and Minnesota 48. These reports have been carefully tested by a special agent sent out by the government.

Loose talk has been indulged in by our own newspapers regarding our crops, and when the threshers' reports come in their flothiness will be fully demonstrated. In spots where only limited quantities are grown, there will be a fair yield, but in the southern half of Manitoba, from which most of our wheat has always come, the rain came three weeks too late to do any good worth speaking of to all early sown wheat, though that on summer-fallow is much better than stubble wheat, a good deal of which has been or will be plowed down as manure, or cut for the little feed it will give and then be plowed. Take Souris as an example. Mr. McCulloch, of the flour mill, writes on July 12: "Our first sown crops have nearly all gone back and what is not plowed down will be very light. Later crops are picking up a little, but won't be half a crop." From Regina eastward, in spite of gushing statements from reporters, the yield will only be moderate and wheat on the Saskatchewan cuts a poor figure as a help to the total average. The cold truth on this question of crop yield is better for the farmers than whole columns of boom talk and if there is an average of 7½ bushels from Winnipeg to Regina it is more than we expect to see.

Chief Inspector Horn has handed in to the Board of Trade his report for the year ending June 30, 1900. It goes to show that for quality the crop of 1899 has never been surpassed. The percentage of

smut and frosted was very small and over 86 per cent. of the whole was of the best class of wheat. The returns for oats, barley and flax are no criterion of either the quantity or quality of those crops as only a small percentage of them passes through the inspector's hands. The figures for the year are as follows:

WHEAT.

Bushels.

	deners.		
	6,640		
	376,200		
14,003 — 2 nard	363,990		
1.698 -3 hard	409,340		
1,035 —1 northern	859,050		
76 —2 northern	63,080		
J 36 —3 northern	29,880		
36 —1 white fyfe	29,880		
36 —I white fyfe. 4 —2 white fyfe.	3,320		
27 —1 spring	22,410		
359 —I frosted	297,970		
	96,280		
	25,730		
424	548,630		
	351,920		
	703,840		
73 —Condemned	60,590		
12 — Feed	9,960		
31,637 *830 bushels per car. 26,	,258,710		
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E4 4 4 11	ushels.		
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346 —2 white	415,200		
	229,200		
13 —No. 3	15,600		
58 — Feed	69,600		
11 —Rejected	13,200		
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673	807,600		
*1,200 bushels per car.			
BARLEY.			
	ushels.		
	4,000		
47 —No. 3	47,000		
2 —Rejected	2,000		
2 —Rejected	24,000		
			
77	77,000		
*1,000 bushels per car.			
FLAX.			
	ishels.		
37 -No. 1	33,300		
22 —No. 2.	10 800		
	19,800		
11 —Rejected	9,900		
70	00.000		
	63,000		
*900 bushels per car.			
From the Manitoba December	crop		

bulletin and the estimate by the Territorial government we get the following fig-

Manitoba Territories		27,922,230 6,915,663
Total estimated yi Exported		34,837,893 26,258,710

Acres.

Bushels.

Ralance to account for .. . 8,579,183

Of this balance in the hands of the farmers at least 2,750,000 bushels were required to sow the acreage put in this spring. Then about 2,000,000 bushels are required to furnish bread for our people, leaving 4,304,183 bushels unaccounted for, supposedly in the hands of farmers. Just what this actual amount is it is impossible to find out and only a guess can be made of the difference between the stocks in farmers' hands June 30, 1899, and June 50, 1900. It would appear that although the estimated yield in the Manitoba December bulletin was reduced over million bushes from the August bulletin, it was still several millions too high.

Cars inspected for the week ending 14th July, 1900:—Wheat, one hard, 88; two hard, 57; three hard, 33; other grades, 26; total, 204 cars.

Oats

Oats, especially when not too early sown, have made a great advance since rain came, but everybody expects a light total yield, and good oats on track at Winnipeg are to-day worth 40 cents, with no prospect of going lower.

Barley.

Nothing is moving, one car sold yesterday at 42c.

Flour and Feed.

Ogilvie's-Hungarian, \$2.40; Glenora Ogivies—Hungarian, \$2.40; Glenora patent, \$2.25; Manitoba, \$1.70; XXXX, \$1.35; Cornmeal, \$1.50; Rolled Oats, \$1.90. Lake of the Woods: Five Roses, \$2.40; Patent, \$2.25; Medora, \$1.70; XXXX, \$1.35.

Bran, \$13.50; Shorts, \$15.50; Corn Chop, \$22.50.

Cattle.

Range cattle arc in very fine condition and beginning to move out. P. Burns, of Calgary, is reported to be offering \$3.40 per cwt. at western points. Gordon, Ironside and Fares are exporting grass fed steers. The price at present is 3c. to 3½c., with possibly ¼c. higher for extra choice lots. How long these figures will remain in hard to say as the demand for ships is hard to say, as the demand for ships to carry troops to China by European powers will surely cause a risc in ocean rates and consequently lower prices for cattle, or possibly the rate will be so high as to make export impossible.

Choice dressed beef we quote at 6c. to 7c. Veal is in good demand at 8c.

Western stock is hardly ready yet, supplies coming in from the east. Price nominally 44c. Dressed mutton, 10c. Lamb, 12c.

Hogs.

A fair supply is coming in and prices are unchanged at 5c. a pound for best hogs weighed off the cars here. Dressed pcrk, 6\c. to 7c.

Butter and Cheese.

Creamery Butter.—The market the past week has been very unsteady. Prices have remained steady in B.C., but Montreal prices have advanced &c. in the last six days, ranging from 18½ to 20½. The dry weather in Ontario, in the Eastern States, combined with shortness of pasture all tend to the combined with shortness of pasture all tend to the combined with shortness. ture, all tend toward higher prices. cally the price runs from 17c. to 18c. at the factories. One well-known authority

thought factories should have 18c.
Dairy Butter.—Some of the dairy butter coming in is good enough for export if there were only more of it in a lot. The price runs all the way from 12c. to 16c.,

according to quality, on a commission basis of 10 per cent. Receipts are liberal. Cheese.—Receipts moderately large and the demand good. Large cheese, 9½c .to 9¾c. for best large size and 9c. to 9¼c. for

Poultry and Eggs.

Poultry is in good demand, but the receipts are very light. We quote spring chickens, 30c. to 50c. per pair. Fresh killed fowl, 12½c. per pound, live turkeys, 9c. per 1b.

Eggs.—Supplies are coming in fairly well and market firm. Jobbers are selling to retailers at as high as 14c.

Hides.

Prices are arranged on a basis of 6c. to 6½c. for No. 1 inspected.

Wool.

No change; 8c. to 8½c. for unwashed, according to quality. 12½c. for washed.

Calgary exhibition directors will offer \$6,000 in prizes at their September show.

The total number of homestead entries in the Territories during 1899 was 4,337, as against 2,009 during the year previous.

Serious damage has been done round Medicine Hat by prairie fires. One that was started by lightning burnt over a large area. The abundant herbage of previous seasons was thoroughly dried and it was only a timely rainfall that prevented much more serious damage.

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THE WEATHER AND CROPS.

During the past few weeks the weather has been all that could be desired. Farmers as a rule are feeling more hopeful as late crops all promise well, and, if the season keeps free of frost long enough, much of the late crop will be ripened. This would go to help out the effects of the drouth. The assurance of plenty of feed has greatly changed the situation with many. There will yet be plenty of hay. The rains came too late to make a good crop of the wheat. It has been greatly benefitted, but the country must It has been make up its mind for less than half a crop. There are individual fields here and there that will give a good yield, while some sections will give a fair average yield, but these are not the rule. Reports from the Edmonton and Prince Albert districts show that full crops are expected. At St. Louis, near Prince Albert, Dr. Fletcher, while on his recent institute trip, saw wheat as high as his shoulder. We should be thankful that our conditions are not as bad as our neighbors to the south of us, where very large areas have been plowed down. True quite a few acres have been plowed down in Manitoba, but nothing like as many as to the south of us.

CHEAP BINDER TWINE.

It is reported from Kingston that arrangements are being made to send a shipment of 100 car-loads of binder twine to Manitoba and the Northwest from the Kingston penitentiary. This twine is to be distributed over the country and sold at aetual cost by agents of the Department of Agriculture.

The Farmer does not vouch for the truthfulness of this report, but is in full accord with the principle upon which the government is acting in giving the farmers the twine at actual cost. We think, mers the twine at actual cost. We think, however, that the government has chosen an inopportune time to start this innova-tion. The intention to follow this policy should have been made known many months ago, as the contracts for twine are made early in the new year. Implement men, therefore, feel much injured by this action of the government, and especially so this year, when owing to the drouth they will not be able to sell one-

the regular erop without this extra eom-

THE SUMMER INSTITUTES.

summer institute throughout Manitoba have come and gone. The Farmer has made diligent inquiry of the speakers in regard to the success of these meetings and has noted carefully the reports given in the local newspapers. One thing has characterized these reports, it is that the attendance was small at the great majority of the meetings. A common complaint, one which has been heard on all sides, was that the notice given of the meetings was far too short and in some cases conflicted with other meetings which owing to the shortness of time could not be changed. The complaint as to shortness of time is a reasonable one, because the time was The act requires the meetings to be held in June, and though the programme of meetings was arranged for some time previously, it was impossible to announce it until the new C.P.R. time table was out for fear speakers could not make the necessary connections. As soon as this was definitely known, the programme was issued, but in some cases too late to be announced in the local papers, and to give that notice all would like to get.

The June meetings, we believe, have

never been nearly so well attended as the winter ones and it is a question the department should consider whether it would not be the better plan to discontinue the June meetings and hold one set of meetings early in the winter to open up the institute work and another late in the winter, or early spring, to, as it were, draw it to a close. The summer season is a short and always a busy one.

But all the blame for small attendance cannot be laid to insufficient notice. There is apparently an indifference on the part of farmers about attending. This The Farmer thinks a sad mistake on their part. We have yet failed to find that where a few farmers get together they part. We have yet tailed to find that where a few farmers get together they cannot talk over their experiences and learn lessons from one another. An institute meeting is only this on a larger scale.

The Farmer is in full accord with the action of the Department in uniting the work of the agricultural societies and the

half the supply they have laid in to meet institutes. The success of this move is going to eome back largely on the officers of the society and especially the secretary, who must be a pushing, energetie man, one who would see that notice of a meeting was sent out even if it was short.

Then the Department must announce their programme as early as possible, Where a series of meetings are being arranged for there must necessarily be a certain amount of arbitrariness about the plan, but there should be as little of it as possible, and this can be largely got over by giving sufficient notice or submitting a rough draft of a group of meetings some time before-hand, so the officers can plan for it. With a strong pull and a pull altogether the institute work can be made a power for good in our midst. The Farmer will be pleased to hear from its numerous readers suggestions as to how the institute meetings can be improved and made more helpful and interesting.

A DAIRY EXCHANGE.

Last year The Farmer pointed out the good work that could be accomplished by the dealers in dairy products forming an exchange, with an inspector who would grade all products offered and then all goods would be bought and sold on grade. Efforts were made at the time to get the dealers together, but somehow it fell through. Efforts are again being made to form an exchange this season, but so far they have not been fruitful. Some such organization is needed to correct the evils that have crept into the dairy business. A ease in point will illustrate what we mean. Some time ago the make of a certain cheese factory sold at a premium because well made and well cured. The other day, emboldened by his previous success, the same maker placed on the market a lot of cheese only seven days out of the hoops. His cheese was refused by the buyer who gave him the premium because too green, but on being hawked around town the cheese bought by another firm at a cent advance on the going price. Had this cheese been graded at an exchange it would have been sent home for the curing process to be continued until the cheese had reached a marketable condition. The curing can of course be completed by the firm that bought it, but that is not the point. It is

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the lesson given this maker, and others, that they can sell at full market price, and even a better one, their half finished product. Of what use to spend money in giving instruction in dairy matters when it is all nullified in this way? The firm which bought this cheese have not the true interests of the dairy business at heart or they would not buy such green cheese. Judging by their actions, we do not believe they have enough good sense to ripen that cheese properly, but will send it out at once to be eaten and thus again injure the dairy business. The same foolish firm have paid as high as two cents above the market price, above its actual value, for dairy butter. This enactual value, for dairy butter. courages the country merchants to put up the price of butter, with the result that

all be done away with if an exchange were formed, and all products graded and sold on merit. Wehope to see this ac-complished in the near fu-

The entries in the competition at the Industrial for three best loaves made from Ogilvie's Hungarian flour are now away up in the hundreds and still they comc.

-Lorette cheese factory was burned on the 17th, also about 6,000 lbs. of cheese. The work of rework of re-building will be commenced at once.

-J. A. Ruddick has arriv-ed at Ottawa from New Zea-

and, and his work will be at the port of Montreal, where he will have charge of the butter and cheese exported to the old country. He will also act as arbiter between buyers and sellers. The Farmer wishes him every success in his new work.

John Davidson.

(Ashburn, Ont.)

Judge of Beef Cattle, Winnipeg, 1900.

G. D. Holden,

(Owatonna, Minn.)

Judge of Poultry, Winnipeg, 1900.

-The finance department at Ottawa state that the revenue collected during the year ending June 30th, 1900, exceeds all expenditure and leaves a balance to the good of about a million dollars. The regood of about a million dollars. venue for the year just closed exceeds that of 1899 by \$4,336,441.

-Every now and then we find people with no particular fitness for anything trying this, that and the other thing because somebody they know was successful along that line. In due time they find there is no money in it for them, but quite forget that they found no profit in it just because they had never learned it enough to make it a success.

-Four representatives of the Imperial Government of Japan landed recently in the U.S. to make purchases of pure-bred stock to improve the breeding stock of the flowery kingdom. They will inspect the leading herds of horses, cattle, sheep and swine, and make purchases of what they think suitable animals. Later they will visit England and make further pur-

-Good work was accomplished at the international good roads convention held at Port Huron the first week of July. Canada was well represented, especially Ontario. It was found that Ontario leads in the matter of road reform. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the state should assit in constructing the leadwhere there are creameries they have to shut down, as at Neepawa. This kind of work does harm, retards the advancement of the best interests of dairying and could were taken towards forming a permanent with holes in it in which dynamic will



Prof. J. A. Craig, (Iowa Agricultural College) Judge of Horses, Winnipeg, 1900.



good roads association for Canada and the display of vehicles which will prove an ed-United States.

—It is very satisfactory to note that the attempt of the Standard Oil Company to gain undue advantage by getting the railroad companies of Canada to give them preferential rates has been defeated by the railway committee of the Dominion parliament.

Don't keep the mouth open out of doors; learn to breathe through the nose. This simple prescription is a great preventive of throat and lung troubles.

Richard Brown, well borer and driller, of Carman, reports having put down of Carman, reports having put down about seven or eight wells in that district this season. The wells have mostly been between 100 and 150 feet deep, and good success has been attained in the way of getting water, which fact is a very gratifying one, as a good supply of water is rather hard to secure in some parts of rather hard to secure in some parts of that country.

The Winnipeg Exhibition.

Next week brings round the week of the year for many city people and for many farmers also. Stockmen especially have this week in view during a good portion of the year. As this is the closing year of the 19th century, special effort has been made to make this year's exhibition much better than any in the past. The exhibit of live stock promises to be large and of great interest and the special attractions are said to be much better than anything yet given. The fireworks display each evening will be a re-presentation of the surrender of Cronje, the Boer general, at Paardeberg, where the Canadian troops won great honor.

be exploded, throwing water 50 ft. high, 500 men, 10 pieces of ar-tillery and 30 horses will take part this grand dis-play. The op-ening of the exhibition by Lord & Lady Minto is ano-ther feature that will draw a large crowd the first day. It is expected that American will day one of the biggest days of the week. sure and look up The Farmer's tent when on the grounds.



Thos. Teasdale,

(Concord, Ont.)

Judge of Sheep and Swine, Winnipeg, 1900.

C. A. Murray, (Winnipeg, Man.) Judge of Milk Test, Winnipeg, 1900.

Joseph Maw & Co., Winnipeg, are this year excelling themselves not only in the way of illum-inating their magnificent premises the Market Square, but also by a

ucation in itself. The firm are now in their ninth year, and the success which has attended their efforts is attributable to genuine business treatment of their customers, accompanied by a very desirable line of goods. It has been their aim not to accomplish many things in an ordinary way, but to devote their time to the study of a few important lines, and they have succeeded well. While carriages are perhaps their principal line, their windmill business has kept abreast of the growing needs of the West, until to-day their name appears upon a very satisfactory proportion of the windmill vanes throughout the country. Their other lines are bicycles, country. Their other lines are bicycles, cutters, harness, hay presses and municipal road-making machinery, and if it is found impossible to personally inspect the display in their show rooms, they will doubtless be pleased to mail descriptive catalogues to those who are interested in any of the goods handled by them.

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Weeds in Walks.

"One of Your Subscribers" sends the following: "Feeling sure that thousands of subscribers to your valuable paper would like to know how to prevent weeds from growing up through slat walks and in other similar places or for that matin other similar places, or, for that matter, in gravel walks, may say, I have found that the most satisfactory way to remedy this trouble is by using a solution made with one tin of Gillett's Lye to ahout four gallons of water. For use be-tween slats in walks, it is necessary to be careful not to get any of the solution on the paint or woodwork. It must be poured down between the slats carefully, and the result will be that the weeds and grass will be killed and in this way hundreds of nice houses in this city and elsewhere can be made still nicer in appearancce, as, to my mind, nothing much worse than to see a walk uncared for. For use on a gravel walk or road, the solution can be sprinkled on with an ordinary watering can."

Local Government Taxes.

Subscriber, Calgary, Alta.: "I have a lease of Dominion Government lands in a local improvement district. Nothing is mentioned in the lease about taxes. Can the local improvement district force me to pay taxes, and if so have I any redress from the Dominion Government?"

Answer.-The answer given to this question in June 5th issue, page 422, conflicts with the ruling laid down by the department of the Attorney-General of the Northwest Territories, which is that a set-tler on Dominion lands in the Territories, or on lands held by him under lease, is assessable for his occupancy of such lands. Where a settler lives outside the local improvement district and has no chattels in the district there may be some trouble in collecting the taxes, but it has already been proved that the taxes imposed on lands held under lease can be collected in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement Ordinance.

A Home Made Header.

Farmer, Souris, Man.: "I have been looking at the crops and wondering how I am to save the short grain, likely to be so common this year. I have come to the conclusion to take the reel off my binder and replace it with a home made one as follows:—Take a 4x4 scantling the length of the cutter bar, nail on the four sides balf-inch boards, a foot or 14 inches wide. Now nail on four pieces of 2x2 cut diagonally and to one straight side of these nail four more boards, making a reel with 8 arms, which must all extend the same distance from the centre of the 4x4 so that they will all be the same distance and revolving. Now have the blacksmith make gudgeons, either with key cyes or square and well feathered, for the ends of the 4x4. Securely bolt on a 2x2 piece outside the dividers at each end of the cutter-bar and bore holes in them, above the guards when the reel is in place

through the divider, at the right height to carry the reel so it will clear the guards. Fasten a sprocket wheel on the end of the reel in line with the one on the binder reel head. I think a solid reel will not throw out as many heads as one made of slats would. Remove all canvass. Fix up the table to act as a box. When the table is full of heads they can be shovelled into a tight rack or wagon box and stacked in a stack about four feet wide and as long as desired. Pretty green stuff will save in this way. The knives should be kept as sharp as possible. I hope the rains will make it possible for every farmer to tie his grain, so that he will not have to resort to this contrivance to gather it."

Note.—The Farmer hopes the last wish

Note.—Ihe Farmer hopes the last wish of this thoughtful farmer will be gratified. It is likely to be, as the abundant rains will cause almost all grain to stretch out a little. There may, however, be some early sown grain on light land that is past any such thing. It is a question, though, if such grain will not stool out and yet give a better crop than that now and yet give a better crop than that now forming. Should it not do so then the above suggestion about making a reel that will throw the short grain onto the table of the binder will be of use.

We think, though, a table like that used on the mower for cutting clover for seed would be more to the point. A table is made of light wood the length of the cutter bar (rear cut), about 2½ to 3 ft. wide at the outer end and 3 to 4 ft. at the near end. A border on the outer side and back, 6 or 8 inches high, permits the stuff cut to accumulate without falling off, and when sufficient has been gathered it is slid off the near end with a rake into win-rows. The table is fastened to the cutterbar by two bent bolts entering into holes could be wired into the holes with three or four laps of fence wire. The table should have two light runners, or, what The table is better, a wheel at the back to carry it and assist in turning. The cutter-bar should be carried at the top notch of the tilting lever, so as to put the knives as high off the ground as possible. False shoes as used with pea-harvesters to raise the cutter-bar off the ground would be a good thing. We hope no such contrivance will have to be used in Manitoba this year. It is a question if it will pay to leave such short grain standing. The leave such short grain standing. The bulk of it is being plowed up all over the province.

Ball Mustard.

R. F. D., Lacombe, Alta.: The plant you send us is ball mustard. Perhaps it has not yet got a great hold with you and you cannot do better than collect every plant by hand—the sooner the bet-ter. At the lower end of each stalk the seeds are now filling and the bloom is open at the top to guide you in finding them. Every plant you can collect now will save much labor in after years. there is a body of plants at one spot, take a scythe, cut them low down, then col-lect and burn, with the help of a little straw. All such plants will ripen their seeds if laid down on a headland where they are kept moist, and burning before they are dry is the only safe course. This weed is figured on page 531 of last issue of The Farmer.

Fox Terrier Wanted.

Farmer, Elgin, wants to know where he can get a fox terrier that will kill gophers. Can any reader furnish the information

pute to be settled? I mean the line running between the two quarters of a sec-

Answer.—The way to decide is by carefully measuring from the corner stakes of the section. If not too quarrelsome two neighbors with a good 100 ft. chain can do so, but it might be more reliable to employ a Dominion Land Surveyor. Anyway try from both sides of the section to find out if the first surveyor did his work properly.

Breeding Questions.

Thoroughbred, Alberta: "In The Farmer in March last there was a letter from 'One Who Knows,' which considerably interested me as a breeder of pure-bred stock, and I should like a little more information on some lines from 'One Who Knows,' if he is as well posted as he pretends. 1. I have heard it maintained that Lawrence Drew was the first great breeder of Clydes and that since his death no breeder has come near him for prices at public auction or better Clydes. ence is made to the Collings Bros. have heard that one brother got his best animals by inbreeding and the other brother by "out-crossing," is that so? 3. ther by "out-crossing," is that so? 3. Pride of Morning is said to be the Nestor of the Collynie herd. I thought it was Scottish Archer. I see a son of his, Brave Archer, sold to the United States of so,000; should like the pedigrees of both these bulls. Also Champion of England, the famous Sittyton bull. The busy season prevented my writing sooner.

Brome Grass Cleaning - Three Horse Team.

Subscriber, Glenboro: "1. How can I test thresh and dress Brome grass seed?

2. Can you give me a plan for hitching three horses to a wagon for a long haul, so that one walks outside the track

Answer.—1. If the grass is cut with the binder the sheaf can be threshed by putting the heads only into the mill and drawing them out when threshed. The sced is so very light that great difficulty has been experienced in cleaning it. Consequently to prevent it being blown over in the chaff, the fan of the separator mill is run backwards and all the seed brought down over the sieves. The fanning mill is also turned backwards in cleaning the seed. We would be pleased to have any other method described of cleaning the seed that has been found successful by those who grow Brome for seed.

2. An illustration showing how this can be done will appear in our next issue.

Give the Ratepayer a Chance.

Ratepayer, Headingly: "We all know the crops are a failure this year and the ratepayer who pulls through must economise. Would it not be a good idea to allow each ratepayer \$3.00 per day grading roads, to the extent of his taxes? Now, f some such scheme as this is not adopted there will be a great many ratepayers who will not be able to pay their taxes this year. Let us take for example the road between Headingly and Winnipeg, is it not time it was improved? If so, this is just the year to improve it. If that road was graded, say 3 ft. above the level, would it not make a fine road in the spring? It could not well be otherwise, as the snow would not stick on the grade and it would be well dried by the time the sleighing was gone. I think, Mr. Editor, you will quite agree with me that this is the year

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through another year. Relief works are started in India to give work for starving people, but we hardly think Manitoba has come to such a pass. Aside from all this, however, this letter contains a thought that should not be lost sight of. Good roads are a matter of necessity, especially so over the road mentioned, and they will become increasingly so as the country becomes more thickly settled. The work of making good roads cannot begin too soon, and many a municipality could with adand many a municipality could with advantage begin that work this season. Farvantage begin that work this season. Farmers will not be so busy and would willingly put in time grading they could not give other years. At least a part of their taxes could be paid in this way. It is an opportune season for a municipality to take the work of grading their main roads firmly in hand. Teams and men are available for that work at low rates, let it be started. The plan outlined in The Farmer months back for borrowing money for the purpose of grading should be thofor the purpose of grading should be thoroughly studied out.

Weight of Good Steers.

Ride Through, Cochrane, Alta.: "In order to settle a discussion that lately order to settle a discussion that lately arose, can you give me answers to the following questions: 1. What is the live weight of a good Alberta bred prairie fed steer? 2. Ditto, of a Manitoba steer? 3. What is the weight of beef in the above two animals, viz., the dead weight?" Answer.—We presume you mean a three-year-old ready for market. 1. In the fall the best Alberta 3-year-old steers will weigh about 1,500 lbs., the average about 1,350.

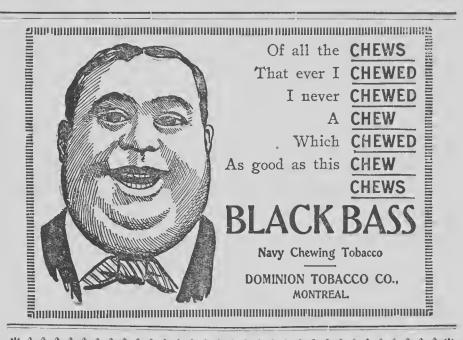
2. There are practically no prairie fed steers in Manitoba, with the exception of the northwest corner of the province, where they will weigh a trifle better than the Alberta ones. In the spring the stall fed cattle of Manitoba will weigh about the same as the Alberta ones do in the fall.

3. Good steers of either lot dress out practically the same, from 55 to 58 per cent. of the live weight.

Brome In a Slough.

G. R. A., Waskada, Man.: "I have two large flat ponds that held water last year large nat ponds that held water last year until July, but were dry this year by the first of May. I was thinking of breaking them up and seeding them for hay and pasture, as they don't yield a load to the acre at their best. What kind of grass would be best; would either Brome or western Rye grass do?"

Answer.—There is no variety of seeded grass that would live on land liable to be under water till July. It must first be drained, then any good variety will grow after the land has got a good stirring.



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Territorial Farmers' Institute Meetings.

A very successful series of Farmers' Institute meetings has just been terminated in the Prince Albert district. object of these meetings was to discuss agricultural topics, with special reference to noxious weeds. The Commissioner of Agriculture was himself present at the meetings and secured the services of Dr. James Fletcher, the Botanist of the Dominion Experimental Farms, of Ottawa, and Angus Mackay, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Indian Head. A Nor3-West Farmer representative ac-

companied the party.

Leaving Regina on the morning of July 5th Prince Albert was reached the same day and a meeting was held in the town hall the following afternoon. After this the party proceeded to make a tour of some of the most important agricultural districts in the vicinity, driving from place to place and holding meetings in the schoolhouses at the times and dates advertised. Starting from Prince Albert on July 7th, and after a drive of over 250 miles, coming back again to the railway at Duck Lake on July 13th. Here the party broke up, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Mr. Mackay remaining there for an afternoon meeting, while Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Blakely drove on to Rosthern and held another meeting there. The following morning the party again met and a final meeting, the most successful of the whole series, was held at Lumsden, where an addition to the numbers of the speakers was made in the person of Wm. Trant, the energetic secretary of the Regina Agricultural Society, who had ad-vertised this meeting extensively and many farmers who had attended the meeting last year at Regina were to be seen among the audience and said that they would not miss the present opportunity of hearing these important subjects discussed by such able speakers.

The meetings on the whole were fairly well attended and a keen interest was cvinced in the subjects treated of, questions being asked at each meeting, all of which were replied to satisfactorily by the speakers. It is certain that the practieal addresses delivered at these meetings will be of much use to all who were fortunate enough to attend them. Hearty votes of thanks were passed at each meeting, regret being frequently expressed that more could not attend. The meetings in the Kinistino district were well worked up, owing to the energetic interest taken in the matter by Capt. Meyers, M.L.A. At St. Louis, Louis Schmidt very ably translated Messrs. Bulyea and Mackay's addresses. Dr. Fletcher delivered his in French and English.

It will be interesting to many of our readers who have this year suffered from the lack of rain, to learn that the crops throughout the country traversed were in good condition and gave every promise of a bountiful yield. A noticeable feature of the district as a whole is the luxuriant growth of all kinds of native gras-The kinds which attracted most notice being the western Brome grass (Bromus Pumpellianus), a grass so similar in about seven inches deep, then harrowing every way to the awnless Brome grass, at once to form a dust blanket to keep in

each other, but differing, as Dr. Fletcher pointed out, by the sheaths and lower joints of the wild form being downy, while the awnless Brome is quite smooth. The seed also bears a short awn of about one-eigth of an inch in length, while that of Bromus inermis has none. The westgrew everywhere in great profusion. Blue point (Calamagrostis Canadensis) and Pony grass (Calamagrostis stricta) were found in profusion in and around all hay meadows and most of the extensive sloughs were filled with the valuable white grass, or Thatch grass (Fluminia arundinacea). Many of these sloughs it is to be feared will not this year be cut, owing to the depth of water, due to the copius rains. Although little timothy is grown by farmers, it is to be seen growing freely along all old trails. The rich growth of native grasses, pea vines and other fodders makes this a grand stock eountry, as was attested by the sleek horses and fat sheep and cattle seen every-

The order of proceedings at the various meetings was practically the same. The first speaker was the Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea, who explained the reasons which had induced him to arrange the meetings. If this is not an agricultural country, it is nothing and he was present to tell the farmers what the department was doing with regard to noxious weeds and their eradication, and to this end he had invited two of the highest authorities on the subject, Dr. Fletcher, of Ottawa, and Angus Mackay, of the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, to aecompany him and address the meetings upon the subjects in connection with which their

names were so well known.

He reviewed the new ordinance uniting the work of the farmers' institutes with that of the agricultural societies, and spoke of the working of the Noxious Wecd Ordinance. The Territorial Weed Inspector, Mr. Willing, a very praetical man, was now on the road giving instructions and suggestions to the local inspectors, who had been appointed in every district where they could be of service, so that the work of inspection would be as uniform as possible. He found the farmers willing to assist and in only a few cases had the clauses of the ordinance giving the inspector power to compel the eutting or plowing down of a dangerous crop to be enforced. The railway companies he also found willing and anxious to do all in their power to keep down dangerous weeds.

The lands of absentees and speculators would not be allowed to be a public danger, but noxious weeds would be destroyed if the owners did not look after them and the cost charged against the land as taxes. He paid a high tribute to the good Dr. Fletcher's lectures on weeds had done in the districts he visited last year, and which could be told by the questions asked of the department and the wish for

another visit from him.

All could not visit the experimental farm at Indian Head, therefore the next best thing was to bring Mr. Mackay to them. The Indian Head farm has been very successful and Mr. Mackay would have many things to tell them.

He congratulated the farmers of the districts in which the meetings were held upon the prospects of bountiful crops and urged them to hold frequent meetings for discussing agricultural topics.

Mr. Mackay spoke of a good summerfallow as being the keynote to successful crops in the Territories. He laid great stress on the importance of plowing early, every way to the awnless Brome grass, at once to form a dust blanket to keep in only those who that the two might be easily mistaken for the moisture. This moisture would also could be supplied.

start weed seeds into life and they could be killed afterwards by the harrow or cultivator.

He stated that he had not seen any summer fallows in the district. He had seen some lands which had been left for fallows and some others upon ploughing had been begun. This, he claimed, was useless and might as have been left until fall and ploughed then, as weeds not only rob the soil of its moisture, but have by this time ripened their sceds, and farmers who summer fallow as late as this were practically seeding down their farms to weeds, as ripe seeds ploughed down will surely germinate when brought up to the surface again by a future ploughing. He advised farmers not to wait for a heavy growth of weeds thinking that by ploughing these down they were enriching the land. As had been pointed out frequently, weeds draw off from the land a large amount of moisture which could never be returned to it by ploughing them in, and besides this the praetice was bad, as it left the land loose and made it dry out.

He drew attention to the four methods of soil cultivation most practised-

1. Summer-fallowing—as he had before stated, was by far the best way to prepare land for grain crops of all kinds and

claimed that it would pay farmers to sow both oats and barley on summer-fallow. 2. Fall Ploughing.—He did not recom-mend this practice for the Territories, but where it was thought necessary to get through the work the best way was to plough 6 to 8 inches deep as soon as possible after harvest, then harrow and roll and harrow again. Sow as early as possible in the spring and harrow just before or after the grain appears above the ground.

3. Spring Ploughing.—The best way to sow on spring ploughing was to burn off the stubble if possible, drill in the seed about half an inch and then plow it down three inches deep with a gang plough. Harrow well after sowing and again after

the grain appears.

4. Sowing Without Cultivation.—Burn stubble and sow 2½ inches deep, harrow well to make a dust blanket. When the land is weedy harrow as soon as the grain This practice in only recommended for a second crop after a good fallow.

Mr. Mackay recommended that all

grain crops should be harrowed with a light harrow, or a weeder, two or three times, beginning as soon as the grain appeared and continuing until it was six or

seven inches high.

In reply to a question whether a green crop might be grown on a summer fal-low late in the season, Mr. Mackay pointed out that this would entirely do away with all the benefit of the summer fallow by drawing off the moisture from the land which summer fallowing was intend-

ed to preserve.

He pointed out that in the Prince Al-bert district there might be one objection to too early summer-fallowing. That was so much moisture may be gathered that too great a growth of straw would be produced, causing late ripening and thus danger from frost. So far no such thing had occurred at Indian Head. He explained to those present the line of work followed on the farm, and pointed out that the superior yields obtained were got by methods every farmer could follow. He then told what was being done at the farm in the way of growing hardy fruits, apples and plums.

He advised all those who would like seed grain from the farm to make application for it before the first of February. as there were so many applications that only those who made application first



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Prize Seed Grain Competition.

Some time ago notice was given of the prizes offered through Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, by Sir William C. Macdonald, of Montreal, in connection with the systematic selection of seed grain. Any boy or girl in Canada under 18 years can compete for these prizes, a full account of which will be found on page 301, April 20th issue.

There will be a yearly competition for three years—1900, 1901 and 1902—for the 100 best heads of oats and wheat selected from a given acre. The conditions for choosing the 100 heads for 1900 are summarized as below, but every intending competitor should send to Prof. Robertson for a pamphlet giving full instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1900.

1. Selection of Plot.-If a special seed acre plot was not prepared and sown this spring, select one now. Select any acre in any field, which appears to have superior grain, and likely to yield a large quantity of grain. The plot must be an exact acre, but may be any form or shape so long as it contains just 4840 square yards.

2. Selecting the Heads.—First gather

by hand a sufficient number from the plot to furnish enough plump sced to sow the grain plot (one acre) for 1901. Then from these select the best 100 heads to enter for competition.

3. Points to observe in Selecting Heads. -Before commencing the work of gathering the heads from the standing grain, the persons selecting should observe closely the differences that exist between individual plants. Some do not stool so much as others. In some the stoolons are weakly and much shorter than the main or first stalk that appears from the

The grain in the heads of some seed. plants is more uniform in size than in In many plants the heads of others. grain contain small, poorly developed kernels in the lower and end spiklets, while the kernels in other heads of the same variety growing by their side are fairly uniform throughout. The best fairly uniform throughout. The best heads from the most robust, large and productive plants should be selected. The whole plant and not the head only is to be considered.

4. Harvesting.—When sufficient heads ave been gathered to furnish enough seed for the acre seed plot for 1901, the balance of the grain is to be cut, threshed, weighed, thoroughly cleaned and the plump grain used for the general seed

grain for 1901.
5. How the Marks are Awarded.—Any 100 heads may be picked from the acre entered for competition. One mark will be awarded for every seed on the 100 heads, and twenty-five marks for every gram (in weight) which those seeds weigh. For example: The best 100 heads of wheat received from the competitors in

1899, contained 6,703 kernels of grain, thus making 6,703 marks, weighed 266 grams, thus making 6,650 marks. Total number of marks, 13,353.

In the main competition extending over the three years, the marks will be awarded as follows:

(a) One mark will be awarded for every pound in weight of grain of good quality obtained from the acre in 1900.

(b) Before the grain is harvested in 1900, a quantity of large heads shall be selected to yield enough heavy, plump seeds to show one acre in 1901; and two marks will be awarded for every pound in weight of grain of good quality obtained from the acrc in 1901.

(c) Before the grain is harvested in Mounted Police.

1900, a quantity of large heads shall be selected to yield enough heavy, plump seeds to sow one acre in 1902; and three marks will be awarded for every pound in weight of good quality obtained from the acre in 1902.

(d) The competitor who obtains the largest number of marks in the total of the three years will receive the first prize in the province; the competitor who obtains the second largest number of marks, the second prize; and so on for ten prizes in every province.

For example:-Total yield of wheat from seed-plot in 1900 may be 25 bushels, which equals 1,500 lbs, thus making 1,500 marks. 1901 may be 30 bushels, which equals 1,800 lbs., thus making 3,600 marks. 1902 may be 35 bus., which equals 2,100 lbs., thus making 6,300 marks. Total number of marks, 11,400.

For full information address Professor

Jas. W. Robertson, Department of Agri-cilture, Ottawa.

The Farmer hopes that, even though the crop is a poor one this year, many young people will enter this competition. As those from Manitoba will be judged at the competition of the competition. by themselves the conditions of all will be alike.

Wm. Trant, the secretary of the Regina Agricultural Association, reports that their fair, to be held August 8th and 9th, is bound to be a great success, as the farmers for the first time are taking a most active interest in it and the revenue from every source has more than doubled. The entries already promised are numer-The gate receipts will also be large, as the attractions are certain to be a great drawing card, chief among them being a baseball tournament, a brass band contest and sports by the North-west

Farmers' Institutes in Southern Manitoba.

The speakers at the meetings along the Pembina branch of the C. P. R. were D. Munroe and the Rev. W. A. Burman. The points visited were Deloraine, Boissevain, Cartwright, Killarney, Crystal City, Pilot Mound, Manitou, Morden and Nelson.

The meetings called were in every case held, but the attendance was everywhere small, and the amount of interest displayed was not very encouraging. Still the meetings will no doubt do good, as those who did attend spoke in appreciative terms of the value of the addresses given; and though the work may be slow, in time the farmers generally will combine to make the gatherings a success. In some cases the notice given was rather short.

Mr. Munroe took as his theme "Dairying and Fodder Crops," and the Rev. W. A. Burman, "Soil Moisture, Weeds and Injurious Insects." These subjects were very timely and were accepted as such by the various audiences in view of the perthe various audiences, in view of the peculiar difficulties of the present season. Farmers have had a memorable lesson on the value of dairying and stock raising as an absolutely necessary adjunct to grain growing. Those who have followed the lines recommended by Mr. Munroe, and so have stock, butter, etc., to fall back on, can view the prospective short grain

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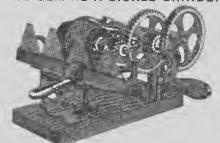
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c:op with a serenity some less far-seeing men may well envy. As to the conserva-tion of soil moisture, this has surely been a live subject and one deserving the most careful and thorough treatment bestowed on it; while noxious weeds have this year been anything but the negligable quantity some thought they might be. As a matter of fact, weeds of certain kinds have this season been very aggressive in Scuthern Manitoba. Pepper grass, lamb's quarter, Russian pig weed, the various species of mustard, false flax, etc., have thriven in spite of the drought. Among West Farmer.

insects noted were cutworms, which in one case at least did serious damage in destroying some 70 acres of wheat, and what would appear to be the frit fly (oseinis soror, Malq.), which did damage in Minnesota in 1896. This was reported from one farm near Crystal City. The injury may, however, be owing to the wheat stem maggot.

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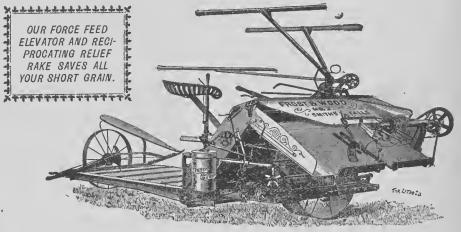
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Plant Fruit Bushes in Rows.

When A. P. Stevenson tells the farmers at the institute gatherings that the only right way in which to lay out fruit bushes and trees is to plant them in rows, so as to facilitate cultivation with the horse, he knows whereof he speaks. This is hitting a nail the head of which will stand a great a nail the head of which will stand a great deal of pounding. It seems a wonder that in a country where land is so cheap and labor so dear that so large a number of those who planted out fruit gardens should cling to the old tradition which in-sists in huddling everything together like a family of pigs on a cold night, and which provides for no relief from the hoe and shovel in the way of cultivation. When farmers do this the result very frequently is, as every observing person knows, that in the rush of spring and summer work the fruit patch is neglected entirely and becomes one of the greatest eyesores on the farm instead of the neatest, cleanest and most attractive corner. Very few farmers have either the time or the inclination to cultivate a patch of any size entirely by hand. In fencing or planting a windbreak for a garden an ample space should be provided with a length say from twenty-five yards upwards, according to the area desired—in all events having nothing too short for horse cultivation. Then if a dozen roots of raspberries, currants or strawberries are received plant them in a row. As the number is extended maintain the order. The result is that nearly all the work of cultivation is performed by the use of the plow or "scuffler." These implements, of course have to be run very lightly near the bushes, as the roots which take up the plant food lie close to the surface. When the food lie close to the surface. plow is used, of course only one horse can be attached. The writer has used a simple attachment to the plow which facili-tates this sort of work very much. It consists of a straight, strong piece of iron rovided with holes and bolted to the jaws f the plow. This iron extends several aches beyond the jaws on the mouldbeam with a chain, or better still, with a rod fitted with a device for tightening similar to that used on a bucksaw. The idea of this attachment to the plow is to enable the horse to follow the previous furrow and to allow for the running of the plow right up to the bushes without unnecessarily trampling them with the horse. A good distance between the rows is a good fault. Its convenience at the time of manuring and pruning and picking will be appreciated. If this idea of horse cultivation of the fruit is followed, a large part of the vegetables may also be grown in two or three rows alongside and cultivated at the same time and in the same way.

Reports from various points show that caterpillars are doing serious damage to caterpillars are doing serious damage to trees. In some cases the trees have been completely stripped and are leafing out again. The necessary steps to take in this matter are given in June 5th issue of The Farmer, page 427. Plant lice have also been abundant and have done considerable damage. To destroy these plant the trees with kerosene emulsion or a some the trees with kerosene emulsion or a solation of whole oil soap, 1 lb. in 6 gallons Early sprayings are by far the of water. most effective.

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The Hon. John Dryden, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, is known as a progressive man, ever on the look-out for new methods which he can introduce to the farmers of Ontario and by means of which they can secure a higher price for the commodities they have to sell. While in Manitoba lately he took occasion to look into the fruit market and see for himself the true state of affairs. It has, no doubt, opened his eyes, and he realizes that this market will be lost to Ontario fruit men altogether unless some effort is made to retain it. The Farmer has point-ed out that year by year the fruit market in the west is being captured by B.C. and American fruits, and that, though not so large and valuable a market as the old country one for Ontario growers, yet it is a valuable one, an ever growing one and one the Ontario men cannot afford to let slip through their fingers as they are doing.

Ontario shippers are taking great care and pains with their fruit shipments to the old country and both the Ontario and Dominion Governments are assisting in developing this trade, but these shippers seem to think that anything will do for Manitoba and the Territories. The Farmer is pleased to note, however, that Mr. Dryden intends making a few trial ship-ments with fruit given the same care in handling and done up the same way as that intended for the old country. This fruit will be shipped in cold storage cars. Mr. Dryden thinks if a few trial shipments can be made successfully that fruit growers will soon take up the work. He sees

not send fruit here as successfully as their American cousins do.

A. P. Stevenson, Nelson, Man., reports a good crop of apples and crabs this sea-

Canada has been awarded the first prize in the timber show at the Paris Exposi-Notice was made in The Farmer at the time the exhibit was collected. The Manitoba part of this exhibit was col-lected by A. Leith, of Winnipeg, and reflects great credit upon the care and completeness with which the exhibit was shown. Canada has also been awarded the grand prize for fish, game, mineral

agricultural exhibits.

While passing through the city on his way to attend institute meetings in the Territories, Dr. Fletcher inspected the fumigation house erected in the C. P. R. lumigation house erected in the C. P. R. yards for the fumigation of nursery stock coming in from the U.S. Mr. A. Leith, who has charge of this work, showed him through the building and Dr. Fletcher found everything satisfactory. Although some delay was experienced this spring in getting goods through the customs, everything is now in running order and there will be no delay longer than necessary to fumigate the shipment. This fumigating plant has been erected in commigating plant has been erected in com-pliance with the San Jose Scale Act passed last session, which calls for the fumigation of all plants, with certain exceptions, brought into Canada.

The French Government has announced its intention to plant fruit trees along all no reason why Ontario fruit growers can- highways as a source of national revenue.



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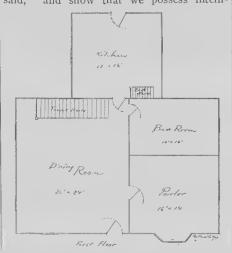


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ment authority. He was very anxious, he said, to impress our legislators with the importance of the work. "We will stand disgraced until we bestir ourselves," he said, "and show that we possess intelli-



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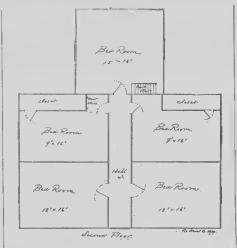


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Mr. Walker then, at some length, reviewed the exploratory work done during the last two centuries in all parts of Canada, comparing the small result with the many expeditions sent into the new territories of the United States under govern- of our wonderful land.



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By R. W. M., Winnipeg.

The promised visit of his Excellency the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, to Manitoba for the opening of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, recalls to my memory a good icw of the old Border traditions and ballads in which the southern and southwestern parts of my native county of Roxburgh were exceptionally rich. Generally rude in structure, these old ballads preserve in a wonderful the southern and southwestern parts of my native country. derful degree the spirit of the age to which they refer. Many of them were collected by Sir Walter Scott and published early in this century, in his Minstelsy of the Scottish Border. The southwestern district of Roxburgh was peculiarly adapted to the style of conflict to liarly adapted to the style of conflict to which they refer and the sword was the favorite weapon with the border clans most notorious for their plundering pro-

Minto House, the seat of the Earl of Minto, lies pretty nearly in the centre of Roxburghshire, and the country south and southwest of Minto was the scene of many an exciting foray, in which the Elliots took a full share. For centuries a combination of petty warfare and "cattle lifting" expeditions was maintained between the Scots, Kerrs, Armstrongs, Elliots and other families on the Scotch side, and the Fosters, Fenwicks, Grahams and others on the Cumberland side, and the local minstrels celebrated the achievethe local minstrels celebrated the achievements of the most notable of those marauding chiefs, or "reivers," as they were usually called. In none of these ballads is the reckless daring, fierce courage, and untameable spirit of the border fighters more happily portrayed than in the ballad of "Little Jock Elliot," which I give below. An older version was recited with great enthusiasm by the poet Leyden when the first Earl of Minto, great grandfather of the present Earl, was sent out to India in 1807 as Governor-General. My version was mainly the work of Jas. My version was mainly the work of Jas. Smaill, banker in Jedburgh, and I think it superior to anything older. It is written in the dialect of south central Rox-burghshire, the country where for some centuries many families of Elliots have had their homes. The first Elliot that history takes special note of was Elliot of Stobs, who married a daughter of Wat (Scott) of Harden, a noted border chief, and from this couple the Minto family can be traced.

I suspect there are few people in Manitcba who could read this ballad in the tcba who could read this ballad in the exact dialect, which was confined to the valley of the Teviot and its southern tributaries, the Jed and the Rule. The "Wha," for example, of more northerly Scotch, is pronounced "whea," as if two syllables, and the "me," no combination of English vowels can give. You must be born in sight of Ruberslaw, the dark brown peak on the opposite side of the river from Minto House before you can say it correctly. I give the ballad and a translation into English, which is necessarily tamer than the original. sarily tamer than the original.

LITTLE JOCK ELLIOT.

My castle is aye my ain And herried it never sall be; For I maun fa' ere its ta'en— An' wha daur meddle wi' me.



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My kinsmen-I ken them brawlic And sae does the enemie, Round the auld tower o' Park they'll rally And wha daur meddle wi' me?

Wha daur meddle wi' me? Wha daur meddle wi' me? My name it is Little Jock Elliott, An' wha daur meddle wi' me?

Wi' my kute i' the rib o' my naig, An' my gude braid sword at my thigh,

And wha daur meddle wi' me?

Pown by the Dead Water stank
Dick Fenwick I met on the lea, His saddle was toom in a clank, For wha daur meddle wi' me?

V'here Keeldar meets the Tyne, Mysell an' my kinsmen three, We tackled the Percys nine, They'll nae mair meddle wi' me. Sir Harry wi' nimble brand He pricket my cap agcc, But I cloured his head on the strand, For wha daur meddle wi' me?

The Cumberland reivers ken The straik ma airm can gie, An warily pass the glen, For wha daur meddle wi' me? I've chased the loons to Carlisle, Jookit the raip on the Hairibee, When my naig nickert and cockit his tail, For wha daur meddle wi' me?

Wha daur meddle wi' me ? Wha daur meddle wi' me ? My name it is Little Jock Elliott, An' wha daur meddle wi' me ?

This rendered into English would read something like the following:

My castle is always my own And looted (plundered) it) never shall

For I must fall before it is captured And who dares meddle with me? My kinsmen-I know them thoroughly,

And so does the enemy, Round the old tower of Park they'll rally, And who dares meddle with me?

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Dick Fenwick I met on the lea (prairie), His saddle was emptied at one crack, For who dares meddle with me?

Where Keeldar meets the Tyne (two mountain streams on the English side.)

Myself and my kinsmen three, We tackled the Percys nine; They'll no more meddle with me. Sir Harry with nimble sword thrust Knocked my steel cap to one side, I unhorsed him, and his head was broken by the fall,

For who dares meddle with me?

The Cumberland freebooters know The stroke my arm can give, And warily pass the glen (where I live); For who dares meddle with me? I've chased the rascals to Carlisle, Evading the hangman's rope that always

dangled on the gallows at the gate, When my horse neighed and cocked his tail (as if he too enjoyed the sport), For who dares meddle with me?

Little Jock Elliot of Park, the hero of the ballad, was an ideal borderer. Owning a square tower with walls at least six feet thick, tall and square, standing on a site overlooking a wide range of country, preferably near a morass, whose treacherous depths would swallow up any inva-der, but which could still be traversed by One thick door of oak, studded with big iron nails, gave entrance to such a tower and high up in the walls were narrow slits through which a too daring assailant could be shot at. When an alarm was given as many cattle and horscs as possible were got inside on the ground floor and the owners got higher up through a hatchway or narrow stone stairway. The south and southwest of Roxburghshire, and the English county of Cumberland opposite, were specially adapted to this peculiar line of enterprise, compared with which bronche busting. compared with which broncho busting and cow punching are tame. The cattle "lifting' of three centuries ago was always carried on at the risk of life, by personal combat, or if captured, by a swing on the gallows. The "Hairibee" was a gallows that stood always in readiness outside the north gate of the walled city of Carlisle for the accommodation of "Scotch for the accommodation of "Scotch thieves" caught redhanded in the act of driving off English cattle.

One of the most delightful of the old

ballads is that which describes the rescue by Scott of Buccleuch of Kinmont Willie, one of his followers who was lying in chains in the castle of Carlisle, waiting till the hanging of so notable a reiver could be done with a display proportion-

ed to his fame as a freebooter The importance of the Minto family dates back little more than two centuries. Gilbert, or "Gibbie' Elliot, as he was always familiarly called, was a lawyer, the younger son of a younger son of one of the Liddesdale Elliots. This lawyer was in great peril on account of his sympathy with the persecuted Covenanters and his fame and fortune began with his successful defence of one of the persecuted preachers. Two of his successors in the direct line were Scotch law lords under the title of Lord Minto. All of the line proved able men and married well, and in 1807 the first Earl of Minto was sent out India as Governor-General, where his ability and success were conspicuous.

of Spain and France was regarded as one of the greatest military events of the last century.

The present holder of the title, John Gilbert, who succeeded his father in 1892, has had a life of adventure, mostly military, that might have satisfied the hero of the old ballad. By his mother's side of the old ballad. By his mother state he is the grandson of an English general, Sir Thomas Hislop. He entered the Scots Guards in 1867. He was in Paris Sir Thomas Hislop. He entered the Scots Guards in 1867. He was in Paris at the time of the Commune, 1871, was in Spain as correspondent of the Morning Post during the Carlist rising in 1874. Was assistant military secretary in the Turkish war, 1877. Was with Lord Roberts in Afghanistan in 1879 and his private secretary in 1881. Was with the mounted infantry in Egypt in 1882, where he got wounded.

He came to Canada with Lord Lansdowne and was his military secretary, 1883 to 1886, was chief of the staff of General Middleton during the Riel rebellion. He is still brigadier general of the Border mounted rifles, a volunteer registration. ment which he has done much to inspire with the old fighting spirit and which has sent some good men to Africa.

The Minto family has always been liberal in politics and in close connection with front rank men of the party from A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER



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pearls. The favorite color is a pale shade or pink. For mounting, Roman gold is peculiarly effective. Coral, as is well known, is an animal product, consisting of a chalk-like deposit made by a colony of myriads of minute polypi. It is found in the polypical transfer and the constant of the const 1688 downwards. A daughter of the sec-ond earl was the wife of Lord John Rus-sell and the present Countess of Minto in a shape resembling a tree, with branch-



descends from Earl Grey, one of the most es spreading in all directions. The prespopular of the English nobility who supported the reform bill of 1831.

Popularity of Coral.

The popularity of coral is growing, both in Europe and in this country, and those best qualified to speak on the subject express the belief that the demand for coral jewelry this fall will be very considerable. The beautiful cameos and carved pieces which formerly were fashionable are no longer sought, the demand being confined to simple forms. Almost all the valuable coral at the present day comes from Italy, and most of it is cut there, though a not inconsiderable part is cut in Germany. It is imported into this country ready for mounting. It is either cut round, pear-shaped or en cabochon, round or oval. Heart-shaped pieces are also cut to some extent. The round pieces are used chiefly in the form of necklaces, guard and lorg-nette chains, sometimes alternating either with pearl-or with turquoise; the pearshaped pieces are used chiefly for scarf and lace pins, and pendants, link buttons, studs and rings, mounted with cabochoncut pieces. The gems which seem to combine with the best effect with coral From a branch of the same original stock came the famous General Elliot, afterwards known as Lord Heathfield, whose successful defence of Gibraltar in 1782 against the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated, frequentagainst the combined fleets and armies of three or five graduated fleets are combined fleets.

ent supply is almost exclusively produced in the Mediterranean, along the coast of Italy, France, Spain, Algiers and Tunis. While some coral is found at a depth of 40 feet, most of the best coral is found at a depth of from 100 to 150 feet below the surface of the water, firmly attached to some other object near the bottom. The depth is too great to make it possible for divers to work profitably, and accordingly a special device, consisting of two bars of wood firmly lashed in the shape of a cross and supplied with a large number of nets, is used by the coral fishers. This apparatus is heavily weighted and dropped overboard from the barks used for the purpose. The coral becomes entangled in the nets, and is then pulled from its an-chorage by main force. The dark-red chorage by main force. The dark-red ceral, which is more plentiful than the pink variety, is largely used for anklets and necklaces among uncivilized tribes; sometimes it is cut into larger pieces, which are strung into girdles or used as ornaments in the Orient. White and very pale pink coral, although very scarce, and consequently expensive, are but little used for jewelry—Jewelers' Weekly.

Preserving Time. By E. C. H.

A good many inquiries have eome from time to time for a reliable recipe for making apricot jam, the following will be found satisfactory: — Procure apricots which are firm and not over ripe, wipe them earefully and break them open, putting the pits in a clean dish (the iruit breaks open readily by pressing the thumbs lightly on each side of the crease or fold). Weigh the fruit and allow threequarters of a pound of sugar for each pound of fruit. Put the fruit on the fire in a granite or poreelain kettle, adding a small quantity of water, half a pint for each five pounds of fruit will be sufficient. Break half the pits and add the kernels to the fruit. Boil for an hour before adding the sugar. It should boil very slowly and be stirred constantly, as the fruit is heavy and liable to catch. If you have one of the small asbestos mats for your stove, put it under the kettle as soon as it starts to boil, and this will keep it cooking gently. Heat the sugar in a baking pan in the oven, keeping the door open and stirring to prevent seorching. When the fruit has boiled an hour add the sugar and if you have heated it properly it will sizzle like slaking lime. Boil steadily, stirring constantly for another hour, and the jam will be ready for the pots. most any kind of open pot will do to keep it in, but of course glass or poreclain are preferable. Fill the pots brim full, then eover with pieces of writing paper, just the size of the top of the pot. These the size of the top of the pot. These should be dipped in pure glyeerine just before they are put on; next eover with another sheet of writing paper dipped in white of egg. This should be large enough to cover the sides of the pot down for about an inch from the top. Put up in this way the jam will keep perfectly. Many people have the idea that aprieots are an expensive fruit, but taking the present eost of the fruit and sugar, and making a reasonable allowance for eost of fuel and time in preparation, the jam costs about 134c. per pound, and is one of the most delicious put upon the table.

Heating sugar, by the way, is an important feature of both jam and jelly making. It dries all the moisture out of the sugar and thus reduces the time the sugar has to be boiled in the fruit. This prevents waste by evaporation and also improves the eolor and flavor of the jam or jelly. The long boiling of sugar and fruit almost invariably makes the jam or jelly keen and strong. The glycerine not only prevents mould, but it also keeps the fruit from candying on top. the fruit from candying on top.

Housewives in preserving native fruit this year will do well to remember the late heavy rains, which will mean an unisual quantity of water in the fruit. In jelly making, for instance, it will be well to allow an additional ten minutes of boiling before adding the sugar and in this way avoid that most aggravating of all domestic contingencies, "jelly that won't

iell.

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Mike walked slowly up the boggy lane which led to the O'Grady upland farm, in all the uneasy splendour of his Sunday elothes. It was his habit to doff them after morning mass, but this was an oceasion on which they were indispensable.

ter morning mass, but this was an oceasion on which they were indispensable, for he was going to make a formal proposal for the hand of Katie O'Grady. Whom he had been courting to precedent provided, for the past three months.

Katie was one of the matches of the neighborhood, for O'Grady was a "strong" farmer and owned cows of a superior strain, the deseendants of "Congested Districts" stock, and Mike reflected that if he got with her as dower a certain red heifer, as well as a couple of a certain red heifer, as well as a couple of sheep, and maybe a matter of ten pounds, he should be doing very well indeed. "And, sure, isn't Katie far and away the prettiest girl this side of Galway?" he told himself. "Faith, we'll make a handsome couple, the two av us." And he glaneed complacently down at his vivid blue necktie, though the serrated edge of a starched collar made it a painful effort.

Katie was at the door, looking out, when he arrived, but eoyly withdrew when she saw her lover approaching, and answered his knock of ceremony with an affectation of great surprise.

"An' aren't the eyes av me telling ye ivery time I look at ye?" said Mike, with ardour. Don't ye know that me heart's afire for ye, agra?"

said, opening a pair of sweet grey-blue eyes at him. "Father was after sayin' it was you were the stranger, so he did." "I've been busy gettin' the pitaties in, Miss O'Grady," he answered, with equal knowledge of etiquette. "An' is himself within?"

"He is that—and won't you walk in?" she said, politely; and Mike then suffered his glanee to penetrate across the cab-in to where O'Grady was sitting by the fire, smoking.

"Is that you, Mike, me boy?" he said, for the first time becoming aware of the young man's presence officially, as it were.

He was a wrinkled-faeed old man, with the vivid blue eyes, long ehin, and hard mouth, so common in Ireland; and Katie's brilliant coloring did not hide her close resemblance to her parent, though the mouth was softened by youth and good temper, and she was manifestly pleasantly flustered by Mike's arrival.

The two men began feeling their ground The two men began teeling their ground by preliminary remarks about the weather and crops, eyeing each other the while like two duellists, each taking the measure of the other, till, after a cup of tea provided by Katie, O'Grady proposed that they should walk out and look at the stock.

Mike lingered behind a minute, and in

Mike lingered behind a minute, and in that minute managed to snatch a kiss from Katie, who, indeed, made no great

resistance.
"Whisht, now, darlint—whisht, now,"
he said. "Sure, an' don't ye know why he said. "Sure, an' don't ye know why I'm here?"
"How would I know, an' me never tould?" said Katie, with a sweetly coquet-

tish glanee from under her black lashes.

"Ah, have done now with such folly," she said, swiftly. "Hould now, or father will be comin' back to see what's delayin' ye," and she pushed him away and fled into the inner room.

O'Grady was leaning against a wall, surveying a group of five eows browsing on the short, sweet mountain pasture be-low and did not even turn his head at Mike's approach.

"Sure thim's as foine stock as ye'd see in all Galway, so they are now," he said, eomplacently

complacently.

"I'm not denyin' the same," said Mike.

"I suppose now, Mr. O'Grady, you'd be givin' the boy who'd take Katie a hiffer av thim?"

"I might be thinkin' av a good cow," said O'Grady, eautiously, "forbye she was marrying a daeint lad, with a trifle av his own."

"Maybe Peg Rafferty might have been tellin" ye that I was thinkin' av settlin," hazarded the lover.

"Faith, I think there was some talk av it." said O'Grady, not removing his glance from the cows.
"I was after thinkin' we might make a match av it."

"Sure, there's more than wan after Katie. She's a fine, upstandin' girl, though 'tis but little fortin' I could be givin' her, with stock so cheap and the pitaties so bad."

"Thin, no doubt you'd be glad to see her comfortably settled," said Mike. "Sure, I needn't be tellin' ye that I've a trifle av money in the bank, and that there isn't a bit av grazin' to bate the meadow abint me house an' me unele out in the States, that's a rich man, has sorra a chick or a child barrin' me to lave his wealth to when the saints call him to glory.

"Bedad, Mike, there's not a lad I'd sooner Katie tuk for her bachelor than

yourself," said O'Grady, suddenly facing round on the other with a very earnest countenance. "I always said ye was the rale dacint lad, so I did."

"Shall we call it a bargain, thin," said Mike. "Sure, a man like ye, Mr.

Mike. "Sure, a man like ye, Mr. O'Grady, wouldn't think twice about givin' your daughter a pound or two to her fortin' an' a matter av four or six sheep, to say nothing av a brace av hiffers."

He held out his hand with a fine show confidence, but O'Grady shook his

head. "An' "An' do you think I'll shtrip meself before I go to bed, entirely, Mike Devlin?" he said. "Come, we'll say six pounds in her stockin', four sheep, and a half-dozen hins, with the old cock."
"Sure Andy Moriarty was for offerin' better than that with his Maggie—and she that could play the piano" said Mike

she that could play the piano," said Mike contemptuously. "He was speakin' av ten pound and two cows, not to mintion

the sheep.

"Maggie Moriarty, indade! And she with the two eyes av her not a match," said O'Grady; "and no hand at all with rarin' the poultry. Katie has the young chicks in the market before other people has theirs matched, so she has."



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"I'm not denying that Katie's a foine girl and cliver wan, too," said Mike, in a dispassionate tone, "but I couldn't take her with less than six sheep and two hiffers."

"Look here, Mike, me boy, I've always had a likin' for ye and I'll go better than me word," said O'Grady, with a diplo-matic unbending. "I'll give her five sheep and the hins and the black cow down there beyant."

"Is it that old scarecrow ye're after offering ine?" said Mike, with scorn. "Sure, she's past milkin' and as lane as a rake."

a rake."
"The saints harken to him," said O'Grady, fervently. "And the poor baste not turned seven, and as good a milker as ye iver saw."
"Me eyesight is mighty good, praise the saints," said Mike, dryly. "Make it the little red hiffer and it's a match."
"I tell we what Mike I'll throw in the

"I tell ye what, Mike, I'll throw in the goose and a pair av blankets. Ye shan't say O'Grady's a nagur, anyways," said the father, with a fine lavishness; "an' girl's rale fond av ye, Mike.'

"Sure, there's not a prettier girl, nor wan I'd rather marry, than Katie, but I couldn't call that a bargain," said the

lover, firmly.
"Why, there was Patsy Hannigan was after her the other day, and he was for havin' her without a cow at all, so he was," said O'Grady.

"Patsy Hannigan, was it?" said Mike, th contempt. "A mighty fine husband with contempt. he'd make a dacint girl. Sure the pollis is bound to have that still av his wan day, and where'd Katie be thin, with him in gaol? I'm forgettin' what's due to me not standin' out for ten sheep and

three cows."
"An' why don't ye ask for the roof off the house and me shirt too, while ye're about it, Mike?" said O'Grady. "If the girl was hump-backed or a cripple, you couldn't want more.

"Throw in the little red hiffer an I'll step round to Farther Conlan's and spake about the banns," said Mike.

He had a splendid view of the red heifer, and her perfections seemed to grow upon him.

"Sure, Katie has a rare stock av clothes—all that was her mother's—and there's a four-post bedstead I might be sparin' her; and thim little speckled hins is divils to lay," urged the father.

But Mike was firm.

"I'm afraid we're wasting toime, Mr. O'Grady," he said. "I'm for nothing that isn't fair and reasonable. Sure, ye wouldn't grudge wan hiffer with the girl, an' she your only daughter."

"Ye can have the black cow," said O'Grady, obstinately, the hard lines round his mouth deepening.

"If that's your last word Me.

"If that's your last word, Mr. O'Grady, I may as well be goin'," said the lover, settling his hat more firmly on his head, and buttoning up his coat, preparatory to departing.

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"Ye know your own business, Mike Devlin," said O'Grady, dryly. "Me daughter won't be wantin' a husband lorg anyways."

"Some men is easy continted," said Mike, sententiously. "Thin I'll be sayin' good evenim' to ye, Mr. O'Grady."

"Good evening to ye, Mike," said O'Grady, nodding carelessly.

"Good evening," said Mike again, and he lingered a minute, but O'Grady had

he lingered a minute, but O'Grady had turned again to contemplate the red heifer, so Mike swung round on his heel, and began to descend the hill path.

A pretty, wistful face peeped out from the cabin door and watched him with frightened blue eyes, but Mike never turned his head. He knew his worth, and what was love when weighed in the scale against a red heifer?

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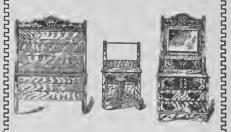
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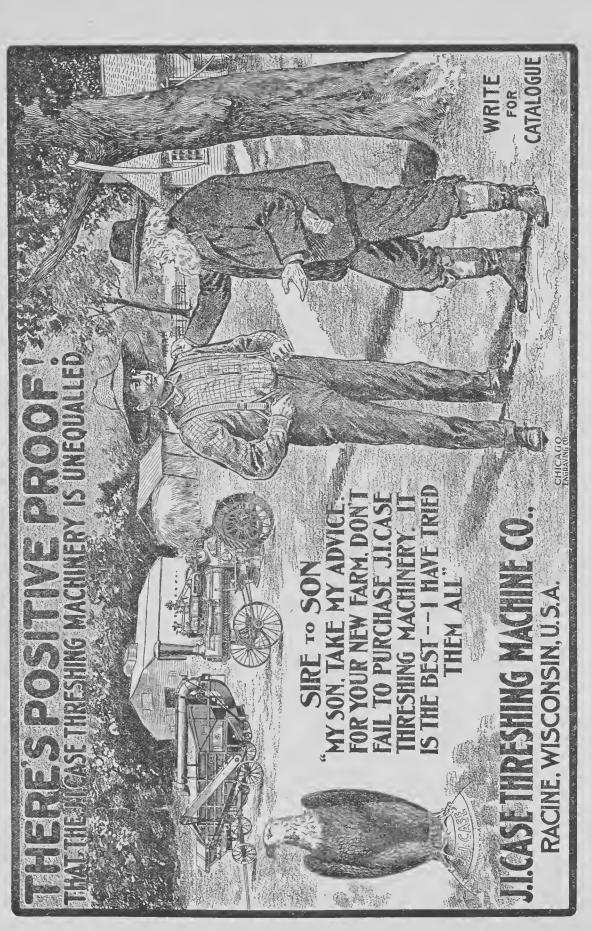
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